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A Boom In Belize's Economy: The Manna Flour Mill and Caribbean Sugar Refinery Advancing The Productive Sector, and Other New Manufacturing Industries.

Belize is experiencing a historic economic boom, realised through diversification of the economy through a shift to manufacturing and industrialised areas to enhance the productive sector. Understanding what it means was made clear in a statement by Prime Minister John Briceño back in July 2021, at the inaugural opening of Belize's first cement factory, the Belize-Cementos Rocafuerte plant, at mile 34 on the George Price Highway.

PM Briceño said at the time "There's a lot of opportunities in Belize, the problem is that many people don't know about the opportunities, and so we have also to ensure that we use this investment as an example so that other people from Central America can come in and invest in Belize." PM Briceño continued signaling "because by investing, we create opportunities, we create taxes, we collect taxes, we create jobs for people and use Belize as a springboard to markets for instance like in CARICOM and in other areas." Importantly, this results in the reduction of Belize's balance of payments, positioning Belize on the trajectory towards economic independence. Currently, Belize is experiencing a huge imbalance. A concern that has existed throughout Belize's economic history. Today the Briceño administration is addressing this imbalance by creating an atmosphere conducive to investment and restoring investors' confidence in the Belizean economy.

On the heels of the announcement that Belize has secured CARICOM support to build a regional sugar refinery, the launch of the Manna Flour Mill, a subsidiary of Caribbean Organic Food Stuff Co. Ltd. in Carmelita Village in the Orange Walk District. On Wednesday November 25, 2025, Prime Minister John Briceño, was invited to a tour of the state-of-the-art flour mill constructed by the investors of Caribbean Organic Foodstuff Co. LTD. to the "MANNA FLOUR MILL". The company will be locally milling flour in Belize. PM Briceño told the media "I think it's something great, I think it shows there's continued confidence in the Belizean economy and that here now we're opening a flour company." A venture that has created jobs, employing several workers including women.

In her address as Human Resource Manager, Caribbean Organic Foodstuff Company Ltd, Ms Yelsie Toledano, proffered that "This flour mill represents innovation, courage, and commitment. It represents what can happen when the private sector works hand in hand with government, regulators, engineers, and communities-when everyone shares a common goal of strengthening our nation." This of course aligns with our vision "To become the leader in the Agro-processing sector and the preferred choice for Belizeans."

Manna Flour Mill's vision is also in concert with the mandate of PlanBelize 2.0 to "Boost value-added processing and facilitate new plants and expand value-added agriculture and agribusiness opportunities", and to a major alignment with national development, food security, and economic diversification.

Regarding the milestone announcement by the Sugar Association of the Caribbean (SAC), it considered the joint venture between Santander Sugar Limited (SSL) and Sucro Limited (Sucro) as a major development towards

realizing regional integration within the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME). As was explained by the SAC "bringing certainty of regional supply of all grades of sugar to industrial users and consumers of sugar alike." According to Sucro Limited, upon the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on September 4th, 2025, with the Government of Belize, it signaled "Strong public-private collaboration to enhance economic development, create employment and strengthen regional security." Upon completion, the refinery intends to supply 75% of CARICOM's refined sugar needs, with plans to expand to Trinidad and Tobago to meet up to 150% of regional sugar demands while exploring the markets in North America and Europe. The transformative joint venture is expected to begin operations by April 2026.

The joint venture was highlighted at the 61st Regular Meeting of COTED, Chaired by Marconi Leal, Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Trade, held in Georgetown, Guyana. The announcement gained overwhelming support from the CARICOM member states, who considered it the "flagship project for the regional economic transformation". A project aligned with the vision of PlanBelize 2.0 with the objective of Belize's productive sector development through manufacturing and industrialised investments.

Dr. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State, Ministry of Economic Transformation stated that "The Government of Belize is committed to promoting sustainable industrial development" and "This partnership aligns with our vision for economic growth, job creation and regional integration." As Yelsie Toledano stated "It represents what can happen when the private sector works hand in hand with government, regulators, engineers, and communities-when everyone shares a common goal of strengthening our nation."

By Hilly Bennett

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EDITORIAL

NHI, Delivering A Human Right: Access to Health Care

Buy Boledo!! Wait, what does the National Health Insurance (NHI) have to do with Belize's traditional pastime? Since going legit, the government-run Boledo is ensuring that profits provide a wider cross-section of people with access to a broader array of services. The leading hospitals have free service, as the John Briceño administration waived these. NHI provides services funded by Boledo, which in two years will have contributed some 40 million; compare that to ten years of Brad's company, which is estimated to have profited about 150 million with zero for charity. Today, Boledo gives back 70% of winnings to the players. These players also know that their Social Security (SS) numbers add to their winnings by providing access to health care for themselves and their families.

In 2000, the NHI was instituted 2000 by the Musa PUP as an integral part of the Health Sector Reform process. The launching of a Pilot Project in the South Side of Belize officially established NHI as a purchaser of health services in August of 2001. With twenty-five years and counting, this is an accomplishment that could not have been possible without the participation of all the relevant stakeholders: the Government of Belize, Ministry of Health, the NHI Committee, the SS Board, the NHI Unit, registered providers (private, public and NGOs), and of course, the beneficiaries of the program; the NHI-registered Belizeans. The main driver, of course, is universal health coverage for all Belizeans, regardless of race, religion, political beliefs, or economic status.

NHI describes its model as a mixed model of health care delivery. The Ministry is responsible for identifying the health needs of the population covered by NHI, defining the quality standards for health service delivery, and developing clinical guidelines and facility regulations that providers must meet. NHI is responsible for purchasing the defined package of services from pre-approved registered providers and ensuring that services rendered meet the requirements stipulated in the contractual agreements. NHI-registered providers are accountable for delivering the health services in accordance with the standards and Key Performance Indicators negotiated in the contractual process. Belize became a model for the Caribbean region. It provided both technical assistance and shared vital information on the contracting model that is now used in many Caribbean island nations.

Several significant policy changes have been incorporated into the NHI contracts since 2001. For example, the redefinition of the basic package of health care services to include the diagnosis and management of hypertension, diabetes, Asthma, HIV/AIDS, prenatal and postnatal monitoring, treatment of TB, management of acute illnesses, screening for Breast, cervical, and prostate cancer, and epidemiological surveillance. The following specialist services were included: Ophthalmology, including diabetic eye exams, diabetic laser surgery, cataract surgery, and glasses for school-age children, as well as deliveries in the Southern Region. For example, since 2020, NHI eye services have performed approximately 1,000 cataract surgeries and 735 retinopathy laser surgeries, helping diabetic patients regain vision and prevent vision loss. In December 2024, 342,000 persons countrywide had a valid SS Card and were eligible to register for NHI. Presently, 214,000 have registered with NHI and are active users of NHI services. In the Orange Walk district, 45,000 persons had SS cards, with 34,000-plus registered now active NHI users. The Cayo district has 80,000+ persons with valid SS Cards, with registration still ongoing.

Some of the positive intermediate outcomes of NHI include Increased access to Primary Health Care Services to the eligible population; Reduced out-of-pocket expenditures of users when accessing key services covered; Increased quality in the delivery of services, evident by the findings of the audits and compliance monitoring reports; and Increased access to specific screening services. The demand by Belizeans for quality care is high; therefore, the NHI seeks to purchase the following services, which will be provided by the clinics: General medicine and nursing services; General consultations; Minor surgery that can be carried out in a General Practitioner's clinic; Paediatric care; Obstetrics; and Maternal and Child Health.

The Primary Care Providers will also assist in the following programs: Detection, monitoring and treatment of patients with hypertension and diabetes (type 1 and 2); Acute Respiratory Infections; Control and management of diarrheal disease; Detection, monitoring and treatment of Sexually Transmitted Infections; Detection and screening of HIV/AIDS; Family planning, counselling and services; Early detection and screening of cervical cancer (for women 19 years and older); Early detection of breast cancer (for women 40 years and older); Early detection and screening of prostate cancer (for men 50 years and older) and Detection of Tuberculosis. Little known is that NHI provides free eye examinations to all children aged 4-19 and, if necessary, prescription glasses.

There is much more that can be done, and the NHI program is actively expanding. The 24 major providers across the country, plus Pharmacies, Laboratories, Imaging Centres, and Ophthalmology providers, make NHI a robust care provider, as Belizeans deserve no less but more. NHI gives increasing access to all Belizeans to what is their human right.

en Español

NHI, Garantizando Un Derecho Humano: El Acceso A La Atención De La Salud

Compre Boledo! Un momento, ¿qué tiene que ver el Seguro Nacional de Salud (NHI) con el pasatiempo tradicional de Belice? Desde su legalización, el Boledo, gestionado por el Gobierno, garantiza que los beneficios proporcionen a un sector más amplio de la población acceso a una gama más diversa de servicios. Los principales hospitales ofrecen servicios gratuitos, ya que la administración de John Briceño los eximió de pagarlos. El NHI presta servicios financiados por el Boledo, que en dos años habrá aportado unos 40 millones; compárese con los diez años de la empresa de Brad, que se estima que ha obtenido beneficios de 150 millones sin destinar nada a obras benéficas. Hoy en día, el Boledo devuelve el 70 % de las ganancias a los jugadores. Estos jugadores también saben que sus números de la Seguridad Social (SS) se suman a sus ganancias al proporcionarles acceso a la asistencia sanitaria para ellos y sus familias.

En el 2000, el NHI fue instituido por el PUP, bajo el liderazgo de Musa, como parte integral del proceso de reforma del sector sanitario. El lanzamiento de un proyecto piloto en la zona sur de Belice oficializó al NHI como comprador de servicios sanitarios en agosto de 2001. Con veinticinco años a sus espaldas, este es un logro que no habría sido posible sin la participación de todas las partes interesadas: el Gobierno de Belice, el Ministerio de Salud, el Comité del NHI, la Junta del SS, la Unidad del NHI, los proveedores registrados (privados, públicos y ONG) y, por supuesto, los beneficiarios del programa: los beliceños inscritos en el NHI. El principal impulsor, por supuesto, es la cobertura sanitaria universal para todos los beliceños, independientemente de su raza, religión, creencias políticas o situación económica.

El NHI describe su modelo como mixto de prestación de asistencia sanitaria. El Ministerio de Salud es responsable de identificar las necesidades sanitarias de la población cubierta por el NHI, definir los estándares de calidad para la prestación de servicios sanitarios y desarrollar las directrices clínicas y las normas para las instalaciones que deben cumplir los proveedores. El NHI es responsable de adquirir el paquete de servicios definido a proveedores registrados y previamente aprobados y de garantizar que los servicios prestados cumplan con los requisitos estipulados en los acuerdos contractuales. Los proveedores registrados en el NHI son responsables de prestar los servicios de salud de acuerdo con las normas y los indicadores clave de rendimiento negociados en el proceso contractual. Belice se convirtió en un modelo para la región del Caribe. Proporcionó asistencia técnica y compartió información vital sobre el modelo de contratación que ahora se utiliza en muchas naciones insulares del Caribe.

Desde 2001 se han incorporado varios cambios políticos significativos en los contratos del NHI. Por ejemplo, la redefinición del paquete básico de servicios de atención sanitaria para incluir el diagnóstico y tratamiento de la hipertensión, la diabetes, el asma, el VIH/SIDA, el seguimiento prenatal y posnatal, el tratamiento de la tuberculosis, el tratamiento de enfermedades agudas, la detección del cáncer de mama, de cuello uterino y de próstata, y la vigilancia epidemiológica. Se incluyeron los siguientes servicios especializados: oftalmología, incluidos exámenes oculares para diabéticos, cirugía láser para diabéticos, cirugía de cataratas y gafas para niños en edad escolar, así como partos en la región sur. Por ejemplo, desde 2020, los servicios oftalmológicos del NHI han realizado aproximadamente 1000 cirugías de cataratas y 735 cirugías láser de retinopatía, lo que ha ayudado a los pacientes diabéticos a recuperar la visión y a prevenir la pérdida de esta. En diciembre de 2024, 342 000 personas en todo el país tenían una tarjeta SS válida y podían inscribirse en el NHI. En la actualidad, 214 000 personas se han inscrito en el NHI y son usuarios activos de sus servicios. En el distrito de Orange Walk, 45 000 personas tenían tarjetas SS y más de 34 000 usuarios registrados ahora son usuarios activos del NHI. El distrito de Cayo cuenta con más de 80 000 personas con tarjetas de la Seguridad Social válidas y el registro sigue en curso.

Algunos de los resultados intermedios positivos del NHI son mayor acceso a los servicios de atención primaria de salud para la población elegible; reducción de los gastos de bolsillo de los usuarios al acceder a los servicios clave cubiertos; aumento de la calidad en la prestación de los servicios, como lo demuestran los resultados de las auditorías y los informes de seguimiento del cumplimiento; y mayor acceso a servicios de detección específicos. La demanda de atención de calidad por parte de los beliceños es alta; por lo tanto, el NHI pretende adquirir los siguientes servicios, que serán prestados por las clínicas: servicios de medicina general y enfermería; consultas generales; cirugía menor que pueda realizarse en una clínica de medicina general; atención pediátrica; obstetricia; y salud materno infantil.

Los proveedores de atención primaria también colaborarán en los siguientes programas: Detección, seguimiento y tratamiento de pacientes con hipertensión y diabetes (tipo 1 y 2); Infecciones respiratorias agudas; Control y gestión de enfermedades diarreicas; Detección, seguimiento y tratamiento de infecciones de transmisión sexual; Detección y cribado del VIH/SIDA; Planificación familiar, asesoramiento y servicios; Detección precoz y cribado del cáncer de cuello uterino (para mujeres de 19 años o más); Detección precoz del cáncer de mama (para mujeres de 40 años o más); Detección precoz y cribado del cáncer de próstata (para hombres de 50 años o más) y Detección de la tuberculosis. Poco se sabe que el NHI ofrece exámenes oculares gratuitos a todos los niños de entre 4 y 19 años y, si es necesario, gafas graduadas.

Se puede hacer mucho más y el programa del NHI se está ampliando activamente. Los 24 principales proveedores de todo el país, además de las farmacias, los laboratorios, los centros de diagnóstico por imagen y los oftalmólogos, hacen del NHI un sólido proveedor de atención sanitaria, ya que los beliceños se merecen no menos, sino más. El NHI ofrece a todos los beliceños un acceso cada vez mayor a sus derechos humanos.

Statement from the Office of the Prime Minister

Belmopan, November 27, 2025.

The Office of the Prime Minister is compelled to respond to the latest in a series of petty, personal, malicious, and frankly ridiculous attacks on Prime Minister John Briceño by Jules Vasquez, using his media house.

There have been many instances of Vasquez weaponizing his media house to attack the Prime Minister without cause or substance, in his daily 'yellow journalism' newscasts and on his morning show, where he often targets the Prime Minister in hysterical rants.

On November 26, 2025, Channel 7 posted about Miss Universe Co-owner Raul Rocha, a Mexican businessman, being charged for criminal activities. Mr. Vasquez felt it was necessary to point out in that same post that the Prime Minister had met with Rocha over a year ago, no doubt trying to create some wrongheaded connection and to cast aspersions on the integrity of PM Briceño.

To clarify, Prime Minister Briceño was part of an official governmental meeting with Rocha and others, in 2024, to discuss opportunities for trade and investment. PM Briceño has participated in such meetings around the world and has met with persons at all levels of government and business in his professional capacity.

The Office of the Prime Minister asserts that if Vasquez is indeed on the hunt for corruption, he need not look far. Prime Minister John Briceño also met with the late Nestor Vasquez, father of Jules, on numerous occasions. That certainly does not mean that he was connected in any way with the corruption perpetrated by Vasquez.

The late Vasquez was caught embezzling funds from Belize Telemedia Limited, in corruption most foul. In fact, Jules Vasquez himself was implicated, because his father used his position at BTL to funnel exorbitant sums of money to Channel 7, a fact which certainly would have been known by News Director Jules.

The Office of the Prime Minister has no issue with the media, or with fair, factual reporting, even in those cases where it challenges the Prime Minister or members of the Government. Belize is a democratic country, and the Prime Minister is the most accessible in Belize's political history.

The OPM does take issue, though, with the skewed reporting and editorializing by the self-righteous, sanctimonious Jules Vasquez, who has no moral standing to speak on corruption. If these personal attacks without substance continue, the Office of the Prime Minister will seek every legal recourse available to bring Mr. Vasquez and his runaway mouth to account.

Ends

Specific Procurement Notice

BELIZE Social Investment Fund

Request for Bids – (Goods)

(One-Envelope Bidding Process)

Country: Belize

Name of Project: Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project

Contract Title: Supply and Delivery of Tractor and Small Machinery for Central Farm and SIRDI's Agricultural Field Operations

Loan No.: P172592

RFB Reference No.: BZ-SIF-522791-GO-RFB

1. The *Government of Belize has received* financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the *Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project* and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply and Delivery of Tractor and Small Machinery for Central Farm and SIRDI's Agricultural Field Operations
2. The *Belize Social Investment Fund now* invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Supply and Delivery of Tractor and Small Machinery for Central Farm and SIRDI's Agricultural Field Operations.
3. Bidding will be conducted through National competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" 2020 ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from *Belize Social Investment Fund, Ms. Jahnnina Reyes, Procurement Officer*, procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org and inspect the bidding document during office hours *0800 to 1700 hours* at the address given below.
5. The bidding document in English may be requested by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before December 16th, 2025 at 2:00 PM Belize time. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below.
7. All Bids must be accompanied by a *Bid Security of BZD $ 38,221.00*
8. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
9. The address referred to above is:

Belize Social Investment Fund
Ms. Jahnina Reyes, Procurement Officer
P.O. Box 459, 2nd Floor Building C, 4253 Hummingbird Highway,
City of Belmopan, Belize C.A.
Tel: +501-822-0239
procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org

2025 National Tourism Awards Gala

Celebrating Excellence in Belizean Tourism

On November 22, 2025, the Belize Tourism Board proudly presented the 2025 National Tourism Awards Gala. This was their signature event dedicated to honoring the remarkable individuals and organizations whose passion and hard work continue to elevate Belize as a world-class destination.

This is an example of BTB celebration that recognizes the heart of Belize's Tourism industry — the frontline heroes, cultural ambassadors, hospitality leaders, storytellers, and changemakers. They all shape unforgettable experiences for every traveler who sets foot on our Jewel.

The BTB wishes to extend their most sincere appreciation to industry partners whose continuous support makes this event and our collective progress possible: The Fort George Hotel & Spa, Travellers Liquors, LED, Madisco, Knight & Day Photography, D's Designs, Bowen & Bowen, Kelcy Harris, DF Music, Consonance Music Group, An' Jélise, Blue Fly, and Treasured Memories Photo Booth. With similar avidity, the BTB thanks all stakeholders, nominees, teams, communities, and champions across Belize "for your dedication to strengthening our tourism industry and showcasing Belize's beauty to the world."

Tonight, we proudly congratulate this year's 2025 National Tourism Awards Winners:

Minister's Award	–	Stanley Longsworth Sr.
Tour Guide of the Year	–	Elvin Torres
Frontline of the Year	–	Eric Mendez
Tour Operator of the Year	–	Barefoot Services
Restaurant of the Year	–	Slate & Sap
Green Champion of the Year	–	Copal Tree Lodge
Health & Wellness of the Year	–	Naia Spa
Small Accommodation of the Year	–	Caribbean Beach Cabanas
Cultural Experience of the Year	–	Palmento Grove Eco Cultural & Fishing Institute
Site of the Year	–	Elijio Panti National Park
Hotel of the Year	–	Copal Tree Lodge
Lifetime Achievement Award	–	Francis Ford Coppola

"As we close this unforgettable night, we celebrate all who continue to push Belize's tourism industry forward. Here's to another year of growth and excellence." (BTB post excerpts)

REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
(COMPANY)

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF NARANJAL STREET/RIVERSIDE BOARDWALK FOR ORANGE WALK TOWN

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program
Process ID: BL-L1046-P00030
Deadline: **December 30, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the Program's proceeds to procure the services of a Company for the "**Design and Construction of Naranjal Street/Riverside Boardwalk for Orange Walk Town".**

The Ministry of Finance invites interested companies to access the full version of this RFB online at https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit their Bid in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

Procurement Specialist
Ministry of Finance
3rd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan
Tel: 501-822-4106
procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER 16/2025

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue
will be $90,000,000.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of $200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Thursday, 11 December 2025 and will be redeemed on Thursday, 12 March 2026.

Each tender must be for $200 or a multiple of $200. Bid yields must be submitted to five decimal places.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to bids@centralbank.org.bz or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 5 December 2025.

The auction in the CSD will be opened from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Thursday, 11 December 2025.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement
System of Belize (APSSS).

Bank: Central Bank of Belize
Account: GLICORP0402627

The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.

CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE

Notices are placed on Central Bank of Belize Website (www.centralbank.org.bz)

14 November 2025

A new startup company, CAPSICO Belize Limited, is seeking an Agronomist / Farm Manager.

Vacancy: Agronomist / Farm Manager
Location: Corozal Town, Corozal District
Duties:

1. Develop and implement farming plans, schedules, and budgets to optimize productivity;
2. Manage and supervise farm workers, contractors, and seasonal labourers, ensuring that tasks are completed efficiently and safely;
3. Monitor and conduct research in crop yields, and environmental conditions to identify issues and implement corrective measures;
4. Manage farm finances, including budgeting, cost control, and purchasing necessary supplies such as seeds, fertilizers etc;
5. Maintain accurate records of farm operations, including financial documents, crop yields, etc;
6. Supervise assembly and management of greenhouses;
7. Supervise establishment of irrigation systems in farms and greenhouses; and
8. Conduct training sessions for farmers and agricultural staff on best practices and new technologies in crop production.

Requirements:

1. Minimum 10 years working as an agronomist and proficient in the management of greenhouses and hydroponics facilities;
2. Strong leadership skills to effectively manage staff and operations;
3. In-depth understanding of farming practices, crop production, and Smart Agricultural Techniques;
4. A bachelor's degree in agronomy; and
5. Strong analytical skills, problem-solving abilities, and effective communication skills are essential. Familiarity with modern agricultural technologies and data analysis tools is also important.

Interested candidates are invited to send their cover letter and resume on or before November 30th 2025 to rainforestblends@gmail.com

IDB

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Database Administrator Expert

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Strengthening Public Expenditure Management (SPEM)
Process ID: BL-L1038 – P00082
Deadline: **December 1, 2025**; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Strengthening Public Expenditure Management (SPEM) in Belize.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds to procure the services of an Individual Consultant as a **"Database Administrator Expert", under the Project, for a period of 18 months.**

The Ministry of Finance invites interested individuals to access the full version of this request for application online at https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit their application in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

Procurement Specialist
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
3rd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building
Belmopan, Belize
Tel: 501-822-4106
Email: procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz

Ref: **Database Administrator Expert (BL-L1038)** - Your name

CARTOON

PUP@75 Exhibit

West in November

"Serving the People, Continuing the Revolution"

As Belize's oldest political movement celebrates a historic milestone, the People's United Party's seventy-fifth anniversary has become a nationwide reflection on leadership, progress, and the legacy of citizen-centered governance. The anniversary, officially observed on September 28th, 2025, was marked with a vibrant celebration in Orange Walk Town — and the momentum has continued across the country through a dynamic traveling exhibition.

Titled "Serving the People, Continuing the Revolution," the exhibit has become the signature feature of the PUP @ 75 commemorations. Designed to bring the party's history directly to Belizeans, the exhibition traces the PUP's evolution from its founding years and the independence struggle to modern-day policies focused on social protection, economic expansion, and community empowerment.

The exhibition is embarked on a national tour that has already made stops in Orange Walk, Corozal, San Ignacio & Santa Elena, Belmopan, and Benque Viejo del Carmen, drawing students, families, and long-time supporters who are eager to revisit the party's contributions to nation-building. Archival photographs, historic speeches, campaign materials, and personal stories from key figures offer visitors an immersive experience that connects past struggles to present achievements.

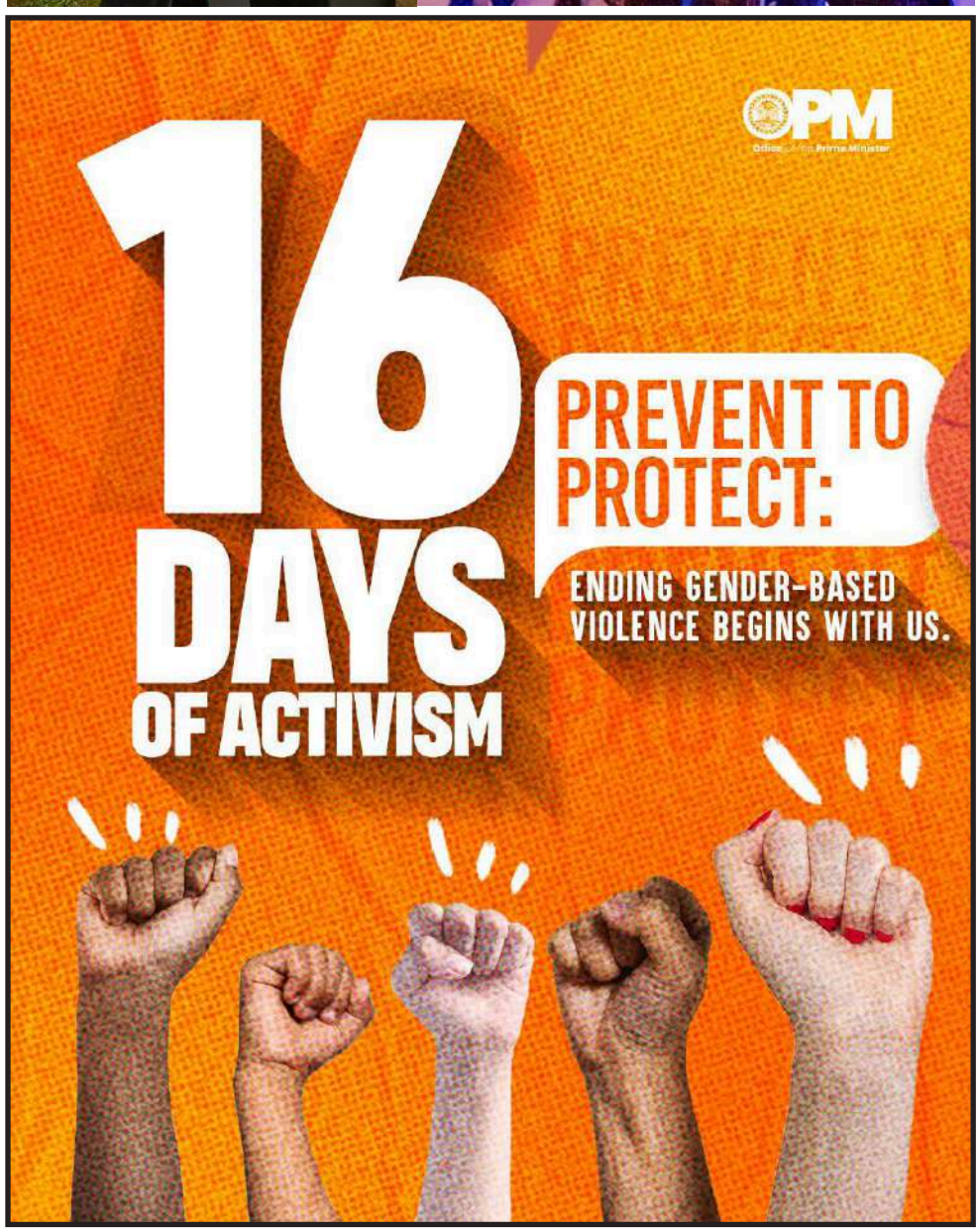
This traveling showcase is more than a historical display — it is a celebration of Belizean resilience and the principle of service embedded in the party's identity. Each stop has highlighted how successive generations of Belizeans have shaped, challenged, and advanced the country's democratic path. The strong attendance across towns underscores a continued appetite for understanding how political movements influence social and economic development.

The next stop for the exhibit is Dangriga on Wednesday, December 3, where residents will have the opportunity to view the collection and take part in the anniversary spirit. As with previous locations, the exhibit is expected to be accompanied by community engagement activities and stories from local supporters who have lived through various chapters of the party's 75-year journey and can add to the collection.

The PUP's anniversary observance also includes an awards component recognizing long-serving members, grassroots organizers, and community champions who have contributed to the party's endurance and growth. These recognitions serve as a reminder that political movements thrive not only because of leaders in office, but because of ordinary Belizeans who commit themselves to service, justice, and nation-building

With the anniversary year ending, the PUP @ 75 celebrations stand as both a tribute to Belize's political history and an invitation to reflect on the future. As the exhibit prepares for its upcoming stop in Dangriga, it continues to highlight a central message: that the story of the PUP is deeply intertwined with the story of Belize — its struggles, its triumphs, and its ongoing commitment to serving the people.

The work continues of 'Serve the People'.



Inaugural Flight, Fort Lauderdale - Belize Via Spirit Airlines In Time for the End of Year Holidays

On Friday November 21, Belize and the BTB celebrated Spirit Airlines' inaugural arrival with the cultural sounds of the Wabagari Dance Group. Passengers from Fort Lauderdale and connections were greeted with welcome drinks and coconut tarts—definitely a warm and flavorful introduction to the Jewel.

Minister Anthony Mahler, Minister of Tourism, Youth, Sports and Diaspora Relations, and Ms. Katharine Beamer, Chargé d'Affaires of the U.S. Embassy, were also in attendance to welcome the new guests and flight. For Belize this is a special moment in air travel. This will be the beginning of continued connections and more memorable arrivals!

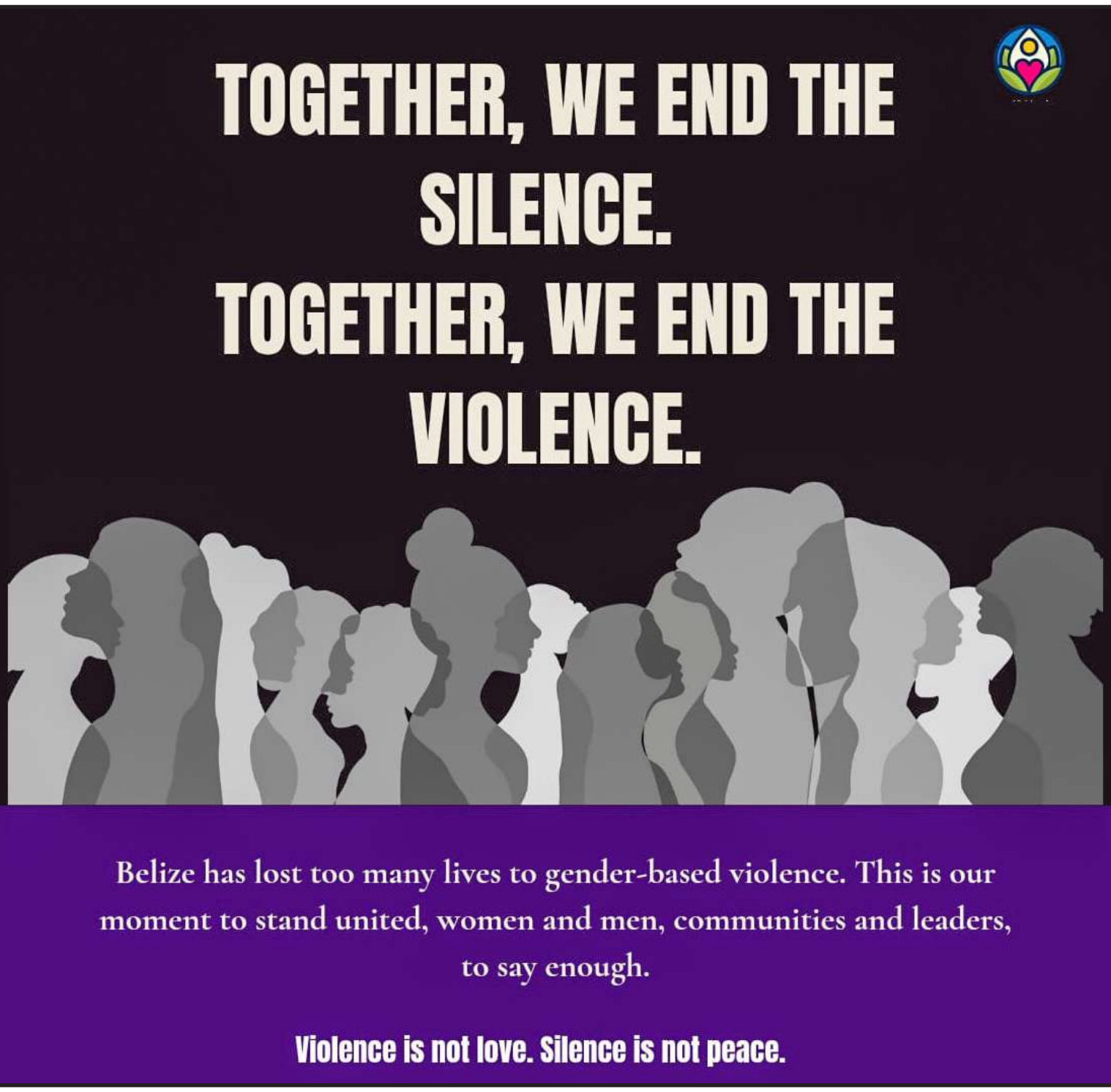
Earlier this year, Travel and Tour world called the new Spirit Airline flight to 'Belize Enhancing Caribbean Connectivity', and that is alluring. The new flight(-three per week) is a result of the Ministr y of Tourism's and the Belize Tourism Board's marketing push to allow more access to Belize.

The allure is a direct flight from Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport to Belize's Philip Goldson International Airport today, with introductory one-way tickets as low as USD $85 from Florida to Belize and starting at $180 one-way Belize to Florida. This was surely taken advantage of by the welcomed travelers. This means that travelers can travel from the vibrant City of Fort Lauderdale to explore ancient Mayan cities, Belizean waters, Belizean Cayes, and more in under a mere 2 hours! Flights will operate 3 times per week: Departs FLL: 10:15 AM | Arrives BZE: 11:40 AM; Then it Departs BZE: 12:35 PM | Arrives FLL: 4:00 PM.

Travel and World Tour: "The new route will have three weekly flights on Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays, providing passengers a convenient and direct connection to one of the Caribbean's most vibrant destinations…" "With its world-class water excursions and beautiful landscapes, Belize is an incredible addition to our international service and growing Fort Lauderdale route map," said John Kirby, Vice President of Network Planning at Spirit Airlines. '*We're looking forward to offering our Belize Guests an elevated travel experience on their journey to the United States and giving our Fort Lauderdale Guests even more destinations to explore as we double down on our FLL service*'." https://www.travelandtourworld.com/news/article "*We are excited to welcome Spirit Airlines' new nonstop service from Fort Lauderdale to Belize*," said Hon. Anthony Mahler, Minister of Tourism, Youth, Sports and Diaspora Relations for Belize. "*This new route enhances our connectivity and offers more convenient travel options for both visitors and our diaspora. From our breathtaking natural beauty to our rich cultural experiences, there's so much waiting to be discovered in Belize. Strengthening this link with Fort Lauderdale not only boosts travel to our shores but also deepens tourism ties between our destinations and paves the way for shared economic opportunities*."

BTB states: "*With competitive prices and flexible options including Spirit First, Premium Economy, and Value seating, this new service offers travelers greater accessibility to Belize than ever before.*" (Post)

These facts still hold: The Philip Goldson International Airport has over 400k international arrivals for the first four months and thus a record 1.2 million projected for the year 2025. With this new flight, the prospects of the record being attained is easier. Belize is the place to be and the flood of tourists and visits to Belize by diaspora Belizeans is increasing on par with BTB efforts.



300 Residents Assisted
Port Loyola Hosts Second Major Land Clinic
One Component of the Broader Works Currently Underway in Port Loyola

November 27, 2025 - Residents of Port Loyola received another opportunity to resolve longstanding land matters as the constituency hosted its second Land Clinic on November 26 and 27 at the Y.M.C.A. on Faber's Road Extension. The two-day event was organized by Area Representative Hon. Gilroy Usher Sr., in partnership with Hon. Cordel Hyde, Minister of Natural Resources, Petroleum, and Mining, and the Lands Department.

The clinic offered a one-stop service point for some of the most common land concerns affecting Belizeans. Residents were able to address issues such as permission to survey, purchase prices, titles, leases, relocation, corrections, and prescription matters—all in one location and with direct assistance from ministry personnel.

Hon. Usher emphasized the significance of bringing the clinic back to Port Loyola, noting that the last one was held two years ago and had resolved numerous longstanding cases. He expressed gratitude for the continued support of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Deputy Prime Minister Hyde, saying that the clinic gives families "the opportunity to finally get long-standing land issues resolved."

Dozens of residents attended on both days, taking advantage of the chance to expedite matters that normally require multiple visits to Belmopan. Many of the documents processed at the clinic will be ready for distribution by Friday, one of the key reasons these clinics have become so valuable to communities. With all essential services under one roof, the process becomes faster, clearer, and easier for residents who often struggle with transportation or scheduling constraints.

Hon. Usher pointed out that the land clinic is just one component of the broader works currently underway in Port Loyola. On November 25, he visited Pen Road Extension, where major progress is being made for families who have lived in the area for decades without secure land tenure. Through a recent government acquisition, approximately 40 residential lots are now being surveyed for residents.

This initiative means that, for the first time, long-time occupants will have the chance to receive proper land titles or purchase the parcels they have called home for years. Hon. Usher noted that the goal is to ensure that by the end of the year, eligible residents will either have their official documentation in hand or be well on their way to securing it.

These efforts align with PlanBelize and now PlanBelize 2.0. By bringing government services directly into communities, the Ministry of Natural Resources continues to make the land system more accessible, efficient, and responsive to the needs of everyday Belizeans.

As the second successful land clinic in the constituency, the Port Loyola initiative underscores a growing national trend of community-centered solutions to longstanding administrative challenges—ensuring that more Belizeans can finally secure the land they live on, invest in their properties, and build lasting generational stability. This clinic saw almost 300 residents assisted.

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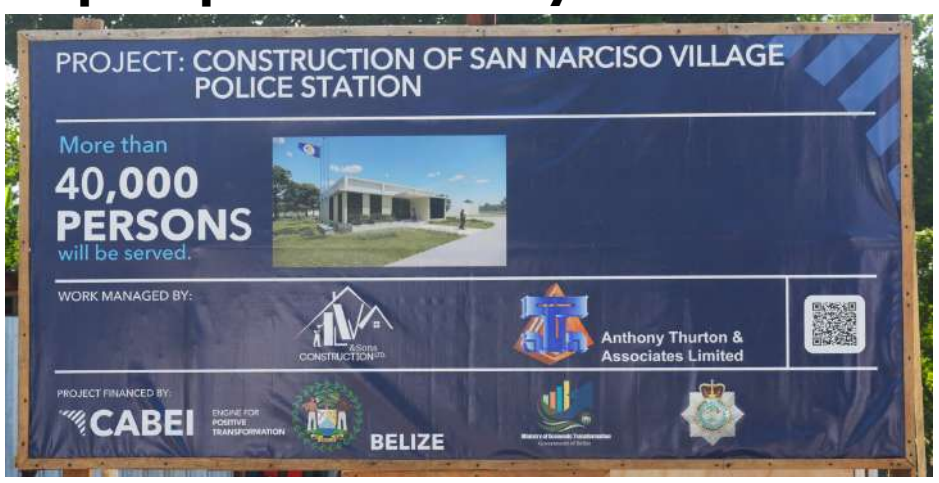

The Government of Belize held a groundbreaking ceremony to officially commence construction of a new police station in the Village of San Narciso on November 26, 2025. This long-awaited project, under the Belize Integral Security Programme (BISP), marks a major step toward strengthening citizen security in northern Belize.

Constructed by LV and Sons Construction Limited, the BZ$928,509.49 facility will span more than 3,000 square feet and feature modern amenities, including dedicated offices for a domestic violence unit, a secure evidence room, private interview rooms, a crime investigation room, conference spaces, and on-site accommodations for police personnel.

In attendance were Hon. Oscar Mira, Minister of Home Affairs and Enterprise; Hon. Ramiro Ramirez, Minister of State in the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Solid Waste Management; Hon. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State in the Ministry of Economic Transformation; Mr. Carlos Pol, Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Economic Transformation; Dr. A. Richard Rosado, Commissioner of Police; and Mr. Elvis Requena, BISP Project Manager.

This project forms part of the broader BISP investment of BZ$60 million, funded by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI). Once completed, the new police station will serve thirteen surrounding villages, benefitting an estimated 40,000 residents. Its primary aim is to strengthen the operational capacity of the Belize Police Department and enhance public safety for all citizens.

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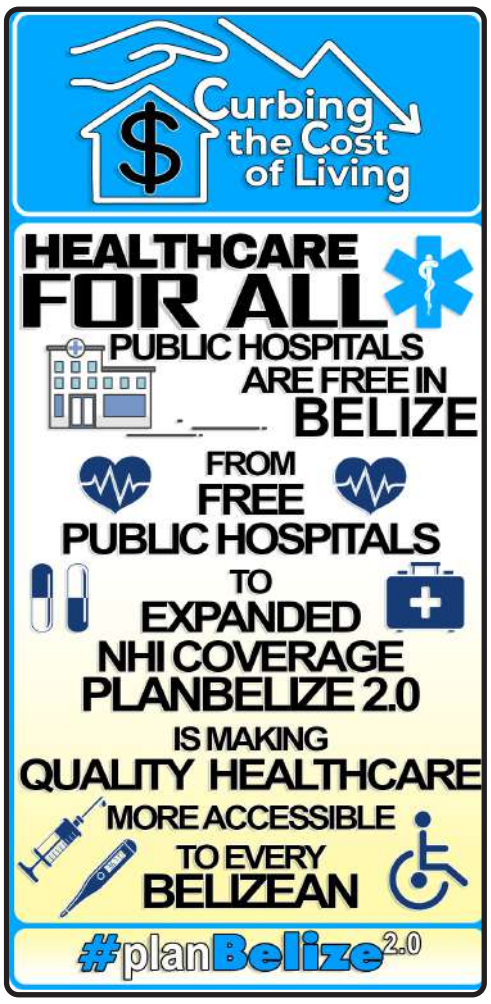

FOR SALE
BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE

The Development Finance Corporation of Bliss Parade, City of Belmopan, Cayo District hereby gives notice of its intention to exercise its power of sale as mortgagee under Deed of Mortgages or Charges between those hereinafter named and the said Corporation which mortgages or charges are recorded at the Land Titles Unit or the Lands Registry, respectively and that the said Development Finance Corporation will, at the expiration of two (2) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, sell the properties described in the Schedule hereto.

All offers to purchase the said properties must be made in writing to the said Corporation at its Headquarters Office or District Offices.

SCHEDULE

Parcel No. 213, Block 4, San Jose Palmar Registration Section, containing 1263.783 Square Yard (s) situate in the Orange Walk District, Belize, held under Land Certificate being the freehold interest of MIGUEL LUIS URBINA JR. AND SHANIDI ANGELI CHELL (JOINTLY).

Parcel No. 7027, Block No. 16, Ladyville/Lord's Bank Registration Section containing 535.342 Square Meters situate in the Los Lagos Area, Ladyville Village, Belize District held under a Land Certificate being the freehold interest of ERROL ALLAN CHATHAM AND LETA MOZETTA FLOWERS formally All that piece or parcel of land being Lot 321 containing 538.342 S.M. situate in the subdivision known as Los Lagos, along the Northern Highway near Mile 13, Belize District held under Deed of Conveyance dated 11th day of May, 2007 being the freehold interest of ERROL ALLAN CHATHAM and LETA MOZETTA FLOWERS.

All that piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 1655 containing 905.549 square metres of lands situate in the Gutiview Area, Independence Village, Stann Creek District, Belize bounded and described as shown by Plan No. 1706 of 2022, Entry No. 19679 Registered No. 14 attached to Minister's Fiat Grant dated 15th day of December 2022 being the freehold interest of CINDY JOHANNA BONILLA.

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025

NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 7(1) OF THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REGULATIONS
CHAPTER 54 OF THE LAWS OF BELIZE, Edition 2023

It is hereby notified for general information that the principals of **Toledo Enterprises Limited** (hereinafter called 'the Company') submitted an application for an Approved Enterprise Order under the Fiscal Incentives Act, Chapter 54 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2023.

The Company intends to develop and expand its port facilities in Big Creek, Independence. Located #3 Port Road, Big Creek Stann Creek District.

Any person who desires to object to the granting of a fiscal incentive, may submit a letter of objection, not more than seven days after the date of the second publication of the Notice of Application for the Fiscal Incentive.

The letter of objection shall be in writing and include any evidence in support of any claims made addressed to the Executive Director, Belize Trade and Investment Development Service, on or before December 4th, 2025, to executive.director@beltraide.bz or call at 880-3737.

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The Company intends to expand storage and milling capacity to enhance the country's food security, increasing employment, and incorporated environmentally friendly practices for energy- efficient machinery located 1 ½ Miles Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City, Belize District, catering to the tourism industry.

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BELIZE Social Investment Fund

Request for Bids – (Goods)
(One-Envelope Bidding Process)

Country: Belize
Name of Project: Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project
Contract Title: Supply of 7 Vehicles for SIRDI, MAFSE and CRESAP
Loan No.: P172592
RFB Reference No.: BZ-SIF-518411-GO-RFB

1. The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply of Seven (7) Vehicles for SIRDI, MAFSE and CRESAP.

2. The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Supply of 7 Vehicles for SIRDI, MAFSE and CRESAP.

3. Bidding will be conducted through National competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" 2020 ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Belize Social Investment Fund, Ms. Jahnnina Reyes, Procurement Officer, procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org and inspect the bidding document during office hours 0800 to 1700 hours at the address given below.

5. The bidding document in English may be requested by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before December 16th, 2025 at 10:30 AM Belize time. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below.

7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of BZD $ 62,200.00.

8. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

9. The address referred to above is:

Belize Social Investment Fund
Ms. Jahnina Reyes, Procurement Officer
P.O. Box 459, 2nd Floor Building C, 4253 Hummingbird Highway, City of Belmopan, Belize C.A.
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WHO IS

SHAJARIE

I am Mrs. Shajarie Cassanova Rogers, an educator, leader, and dedicated community advocate from Corozal Town, Belize. My life's work is rooted in faith, service, and a steadfast commitment to empowering others.

I hold a Bachelor of Science in Primary Education and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Belize. Today, I proudly serve as a Lecturer at Corozal Junior College, where I continue to shape and inspire the next generation.

Beyond the classroom, I am honored to serve as President of the United Women's Group (UWG) Corozal Bay and as a Commissioner at the National Women's Commission. Through these roles, I champion initiatives that strengthen women's leadership, advance health and safety awareness, and promote meaningful community development. Working alongside Hon. Thea Garcia Ramirez and women leaders across our nation, I remain committed to ensuring that women's voices are heard, valued, and uplifted.

I believe leadership is more than a title; it is service, compassion, and the courage to create real and lasting change. My mission is clear: to empower our women, our youth, and our communities to recognize their worth, claim their voice, and help build a Belize where equality, respect, and opportunity are not just ideals, but everyday realities.

With your support, we can continue the work of building a stronger, more inclusive Belize for all.

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The Work Continues

16 Days of Activism

Flag Monument in Belize City

Orange Walk

San Pedro

Punta Gorda

Min. Thea Garcia-Ramirez & Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller

City of Belmopan

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Min. Francis Fonseca and MoS. Osmond Martinez Support

Belize City Council

Inching to City Changing Floating Boardwalk

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San Pedro Town Council Supports

Happiness Workshop hosted by UNICEF and NEMO

Min. Mahler with U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Beamer

Joint Celebration at Inaugural SPIRIT flight event

Min. Espat, MIDH, Works all Over Belize

Road Maintenance Units, Increasing Safety

Road Works in Bella Vista

Min. Marin, National Defence & Border Security

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VOICE OF THE COMMON MAN

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

"Let us rise together, Let us act together, Let us prevent to protect "

By Hilly Bennett

16 flags were hoisted at the Flag Monument in Belize City on Tuesday 25th November 2025 in the presence of Honorable Thea Garcia-Ramirez, Minister of Human Development Families Support & Gender Affairs and Deputy Mayor Eluide Miller and the Belize City Council in marking the kickstart of the activism campaign against gender-based violence.

The coordinated efforts for the annual 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence include the National Women's Commission (NWC), other government agencies and civil society organizations.

It is a day that also marks the start of the global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence from November 25 to December 10 which was established by the United Nations in 2005. The global theme for 2025 is "Unite to End Digital Violence against all Women and Girls" while in Belize the theme is ***"Prevent to Protect: Ending Gender-Based Violence Begins with Us."*** As it relates to the global theme there are the effects of online harassment, cyber stalking, coordinated misogynistic attacks and technology-facilitated gender-based violence that has emerged as new forms of abuse and has been considered in the fight against domestic violence in the local sphere. To Hon Thea the local theme reminds us that prevention is not only possible but essential. In her keynote address Minister Garcia-Ramirez explained that *"Gender-based violence is not a private issue. It is a public crisis that affects families, communities and our nation's future. In Belize, we have made strides through legislation, education and community engagement."* Warning that the statistics and stories impels us that more needs to be done.

Currently Belizean society has witnessed a prevalence of domestic violence with some resulting in horrific deaths. Present statistics suggest that girls under the age of 20 are disproportionately affected by sexual violence. 9 in 10 victims of intimate relationships are women. Statistics shows that the Orange Walk District leads the nation in gender-based violence cases per capita with the Corozal District closely in tow.

One constraint is the legislative reach or the lack thereof and the John Briceño Government has committed to strengthening the laws that protect survivors, and hold perpetrators accountable. Garcia-Ramirez noted that Belize is undergoing a legislative review of the Domestic Violence Act and has signed a Regional Agreement to strengthen responses to domestic violence. Some key legislation before the National Assembly has been tabled. The Domestic Violence Bill 2024 is being considered for approval and aims to expand the definition of abuse and improve enforcement. The expansion of the support services for victims including shelters, counseling, and legal aid, investing in education and outreach to change mindsets and to empower communities. Finally, collaboration across all sectors, including government, civil society, and grassroots organizations in ensuring that no one is left behind. Nonetheless, these measures necessitate financial resources and was the impetus for the Minister to reprimand the Opposition for their refusal to support the Appropriation Bill 2025 as the complexities of child abuse cases require investment. *"Investment in additional caseworkers, investment in transportation, investment in capacity building to enable quick response time and more access to support services."*

Resources aside, Hon Thea pointedly stated that "prevention begins with awareness. It begins in the home, our schools, our workplace, and our policies. It begins when we teach our sons and daughters about respect, equality and empathy. It begins when we challenge harmful norms and speak out against injustice." As a leader Hon Thea Garcia-Ramirez expressed *"I think I have a duty to ensure that I do everything within my ability to prevent this."* Importantly, Thea insisted that after the 16 Days of Activism *"We have to make sure that we keep the ball stay rolling so that we can reduce these numbers of violence against women."*

In her concluding statement the minister reminded that every act of prevention is an act of protection. Early intervention, education and advocacy are key in the saving of lives. Building a Belize where women and girls can live free from fear, and individuals are treated with dignity are of paramount importance in the fight against gender-based violence.

In an inspirational call Thea concluded saying *"To all the survivors, we see you, we hear you, and we stand with you."* Adding, *"to all advocates: thank you for your tireless work. And to every citizen: this fight belongs to all of us. Ending gender-based violence begins with you. It begins with me. It begins with us."*

"Let us rise together. Let us act together. Let us prevent to protect."

Ministry of Health and Wellness Assures the Public of Safe Drinking Water

November 26, 2025 - The Ministry of Health and Wellness (MoHW) acknowledges recent public concerns regarding the detection of E. coli in certain water samples, as reported by the Multi Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) 7. While the MICS7 study has highlighted water quality issues, comprehensive data collected by the Ministry from multiple sites over time consistently demonstrate that potable water remains safe for consumption.

In fulfillment of our mandate to safeguard public health and reduce the incidence of diseases linked to unsafe drinking water, the Ministry undertakes systematic and comprehensive water quality monitoring nationwide. This process involves routine testing for microbial contaminants, including E. coli, total coliforms, and other key indicators, as well as ongoing surveillance of drinking water provided through various public water supply systems to identify potential risks for waterborne diseases. All screening procedures adhere to internationally recognized standards to ensure accuracy and reliability. Furthermore, strict protocols are followed for sample collection, preservation, and transportation, thereby maintaining the safety of drinking water.

Sampling and testing activities primarily serve to verify continuous compliance with regulatory requirements, such as those set forth by the World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines and other relevant national standards, ensuring that all drinking water sources remain potable.

The Ministry's national program encompasses the collection and analysis of water samples from four core areas:

- 16 Belize Water Services systems: Monthly sampling in all districts
- 110 Rudimentary water systems: Monthly and quarterly sampling
- 105 Bottled/purified water operations: Monthly sampling
- Handpumps (increasingly obsolete)

All findings are evaluated against WHO drinking water guidelines. Annually, approximately 4,000 water samples from across the country are processed.

The MoHW recognize the critical importance of clean, safe drinking water and assure the public that the national water supply remains safe for consumption. When isolated issues arise, immediate corrective measures are implemented in collaboration with water authorities and municipal partners.

The Ministry is committed to ongoing improvement, including strengthening surveillance systems, updating monitoring technologies, and enhancing cooperation with stakeholders responsible for water safety.

The MoHW encourage the public to maintain confidence in the quality of their drinking water and to stay informed through official communication channels.

Ends

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PRESS RELEASE

BWS CLARIFIES STATEMENTS IN THE MICS SEVEN REPORT

Belize City
26, November 2025

Belize Water Services (BWS) wishes to address recent public concerns following the release by the Statistical Institute of Belize of the MICS Seven Report, which referenced findings related to the presence of E. coli in drinking water in Belize. We recognize the urgent importance of accurate information when it comes to public health, and we appreciate the opportunity to provide much needed clarification.

After discussions with the Statistical Institute of Belize, it is clear that the sampling and testing procedures used in the study did not follow internationally recognized water-quality testing standards. The approach used for sample collection, handling and testing was not designed to support conclusions about national water quality or about specific utilities such as BWS. Crucially, none of the findings cited in the report originated from BWS's treatment or distribution systems.

BWS maintains one of the most robust water-quality monitoring systems in the country. Water quality is tested daily across all service areas using internationally recognized methods. The Public Utilities Commission and Public Health Department conduct monthly regulatory tests that independently verify these results. In addition, BWS participates in periodic international proficiency assessments, which provide external benchmarking to ensure our laboratory and testing processes continue to meet global standards.

BWS remains committed to supporting national agencies by providing technical guidance on internationally recognized and sound methodologies to test national water quality to ensure that future reports accurately reflect the true state of Belize's water systems based on scientifically reliable data.

Our highest priority is the safety and confidence of the public. Belizeans can be assured that BWS's water was and remains safe, reliable, and fully potable.

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For more information, please contact: Belize Water Services Limited
Corporate Communications Unit. Email: ccu@bwsl.com.bz | Phone: +501-222-4757 | Website: www.bws.b

Resilient Bold Belize
WWF GEF Blue and Green Islands IP Child Project
Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit

Terms of Reference:
Project Communications Specialist

Background

As part of the Blue and Green Islands GEF8 Integrated program, the Resilient Bold Belize project aims to secure the long-term conservation and resilience of Belize´s marine and coastal ecosystems, promoting nature-based livelihoods and the wellbeing of Belizeans.

The Belize project will catalyze a Project Finance for Permanence (PFP) initiative, a major private-public partnership, led by the Blue Bond and Finance Permanent Unit within the Office of Prime Minister. The PFP will integrate the value of nature into the tourism and fisheries sectors, strengthen policy coherence, institutional capacity for gender inclusive conservation planning, and strengthen capacities for financial planning and domestic resource mobilization. The proposed PFP approach will foster impactful outcomes resulting in improved management coastal PAs, MPAs, plus mangrove and other coastal ecosystems outside of the formal PA system, and improvement of targeted communities' livelihoods.

A cornerstone of this project is partnership with Belize's coastal and fishing communities. These communities are at the frontlines of conservation and resource management, and their participation, knowledge, and stewardship are critical to the project's success. As such, communication and outreach efforts must go beyond awareness-raising and actively engage communities in shaping, owning, and sustaining conservation outcomes.

The Communications Specialist will therefore play a pivotal role in bridging the gap between technical conservation efforts, government priorities, and the lived realities of local stakeholders. By translating complex information into accessible messages, facilitating dialogue with fisherfolk and community leaders, and ensuring that community voices are reflected in national and global platforms, the Specialist will help strengthen trust, participation, and long-term sustainability of conservation initiatives in Belize.

Objective

Under the supervision of the Project Manager, the Communication Specialist will aim to increase overall visibility of the project and its achievements and ensure communications on and around the project actions and impacts are disseminated on national and international levels. The engagement of a dedicated communication staff member will provide consistent, high-quality and effective products that can strengthen the project implementation in Belize and share best practices and key learnings with a wider audience through the BGI-IP Hub and Global Coordination Project. Strategic communications activities and knowledge management products may be used to facilitate future PFP and BGI-IP initiatives and will be shared broadly. The communications specialist will also play a key role in connecting with the larger Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program under the GEF, sharing communications products and collaborating on best practices.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Communications Specialist will be responsible for the following:

1. **Strategic Communication and Outreach:**
   - Develop and implement a project communication plan that raises awareness of the Resilient Bold Belize (RBB) Project, ensuring alignment with the BBFP Communication Strategy and Implementation plan, national priorities and community realities.
   - Produce and disseminate communication products (print, broadcast, audiovisual, and digital) tailored to diverse audiences including government, civil society, academia, donors, and local coastal/fishing communities.
   - Translate technical and policy information into clear, accessible messages that resonate with fisherfolk and other community stakeholders.
   - Develop a publicly accessible website hosted by BBFP U for the project, to showcase project documents, lessons learned and project successes.
2. **Community and Stakeholder Engagement:**
   - Lead communication and outreach activities with protected areas managers, ensuring the use of clear, culturally appropriate, and participatory approaches that support their role in conservation and stakeholder engagement using culturally appropriate and participatory approaches.
   - Organize and deliver presentations, workshops, and dialogues with fisherfolk, community leaders, and stakeholders to share project goals, progress, and opportunities.
   - Support executing partners (MPA and PA managers) in organizing regional/local stakeholder meetings and lead an annual national-level meeting to inform stakeholders, decision-makers, media, and the public on project progress.
   - Contribute to the organization of events planned as part of the project
3. **Media Relations and Social Media:**
   - Build and maintain strong relationships with media outlets to ensure accurate and consistent coverage of RBB project activities.
   - Plan and coordinate media events, press releases, radio programs, and campaigns that highlight project achievements and lessons learned.
   - Develop and manage the project's online presence, including website updates, social media posts, and engagement on platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube; ensure the platforms are updated weekly.
4. **Knowledge Management and Documentation:**
   - Support in the development of the project's promotional material and publications.
   - Collect, document and produce lessons learned, good practices, and success stories for dissemination nationally, regionally, and globally.
   - Ensure the editing of project document (reports, presentations, etc.) and alignment with WWF GEF and Government of Belize Communications guidelines and branding.
   - Collaborate with the Monitoring, Evaluation & Knowledge Management Officer to capture and present project progress and lessons at national, regional, and international forums.
   - Maintain a photo/video database and ensure proper storage of communication materials for long-term use.
5. **Coordination and Technical Support:**
   - Collaborate closely with the Project Manager, BBFP Unit, partner agencies, and community organizations to ensure coherence in communication efforts.
   - Contribute to gender-sensitive and inclusive communication approaches in all project activities.
   - Provide communication support during community consultations, policy dialogues, technical meetings, and project events.
   - Be available to travel to coastal communities and participate in evening or weekend activities as required.
   - Be available to travel to Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program regional or global events
6. **4. Technical Delivery of Project Components:**
   - Component 3 will focus on Strengthened communications, coordination and knowledge management at national and global levels in alignment with the Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program.

Within this component, the project communications specialist will contribute to:

3.1.1. OUTPUT: Strategic gender-inclusive communications plan designed and implemented:

- Strategic gender-inclusive communications plan designed to include required project reports, communications products to be produced (such as videos, social media posts).
- Facilitation of communication efforts for project coordination among all stakeholders.

3.1.2 OUTPUT: Accessible project lessons captured and disseminated including through Knowledge Management products and platforms, including.

- Communications materials designed and developed such as best practice manuals; case studies; technical reports and in coordination with the MEK officer, dissemination of knowledge materials in an accessible and gender-sensitive manner to relevant projects, programs, and initiatives.
- Accessible project lessons captured and disseminated including through Knowledge Management Products.

3.1.3. OUTPUT: Participation in BGI IP Communications events and workshops

Staff remain in close communication with BGI IP and attend quarterly virtual calls with the IP.

Qualifications and Experience

Education:

- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in Natural Resource Management, Environmental Studies, Communications, Journalism, Public Relations, or related field.
- Certification or training in Sustainable Communication, Environmental Communication, or related specialization is an asset.

Professional Experience:

- At least five (5) years of proven experience in communications at the national and regional levels, including social media and online communications.
- Minimum of two (2) years of direct experience engaging Belizean coastal and fishing communities, with strong understanding of their socio-economic realities, cultural context, and environmental challenges.
- Experience in developing and delivering presentations and workshops, particularly with fisherfolk and grassroots community groups.
- Demonstrated experience in collecting and managing data and information from fisherfolk and local communities for knowledge management and reporting.
- Proven experience working with managing entities such as community-based organizations, NGOs, government agencies, or fisheries cooperatives in Belize's marine and coastal sector.

Skills and Competencies:

- Strong knowledge of Belize's community environment, governance structures, and the social context of coastal and fishing communities.
- Ability to translate technical and conservation concepts into clear, accessible communication products for diverse audiences (local communities, policymakers, donors, and international stakeholders).
- Demonstrated skills in media relations, audiovisual content creation (photography, videography), and use of digital platforms (social media, websites).
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English; Spanish is considered an asset
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite and familiarity with multimedia and design tools (e.g., Adobe Creative Suite, video editing software).
- Ability to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends, and willingness to travel extensively within Belize, regionally or internationally.

Personal Qualities:

- Strong interpersonal skills with proven ability to build trust and maintain relationships in multicultural and community settings.
- Creative, adaptable, solution-oriented, and committed to conservation and sustainable development.

Duty Station: Belize City

Payment Arrangements: The salary of the contract is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

The estimated Starting Date and Duration: Start date will be effective at contract signature. Contracts are renewed biennially based on an assessment of performance. This position requires full-time commitment.

Interested persons can send an Application Letter and CV along with three references to email: RBBPM.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz or printed to the following address by **Friday, 12th December no later than 4:00 p.m.**

RBB Project Manager
Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit
Office of the Prime Minister
3rd Floor, Eleanor Hall Building
Lake Independence Boulevard
Belize City
RE: Communications Specialist

Applications will be reviewed by the Selection Committee. Those shortlisted will be invited to an interview with the Committee. Due diligence will be done to validate the information included in the CV and provided during interviews.

CLOSER THAN EVER

DREAM OF 40 LOTS FOR RESIDENTS OF NEAL PEN RD EXT WITH HON GILROY USHER

Residents of Port Loyola are giving thanks to Hon Gilroy Usher Area Representative for Port Loyola and Deputy PM/Minister of Natural Resources Cordel Hyde for 40 residents of Neal Pen Rd Ext. in the division will shortly be filled with great joy on receiving the leases for the land on which they have been building a community for more than 25 years.

The delivery of the lease documents to the residents is fast approaching with the completion of the subdivision of the land.

With the leases the residents will have peace of mind in taking the necessary steps to further develop their properties knowing no one can deprive them of their land in the future.

The completion of the subdivision will also enable the Belize City Council, BEL, BWS and other service providers to enhance development in the community with the provision of electricity, water, and proper roads other things.

The Ministry of Investment and Corozal Think Tank

Launch Training to Develop Global Digital Services Skills in Corozal

November 25, 2025 - The Ministry of Investment, through the Investment Policy and Compliance Unit (IPCU), and the Corozal Think Tank launched a pilot project called "Advanced Technology Training Programme - Digital Marketing, E-Commerce and CRM Administration." The training is being provided by RHICS LTD. of London, United Kingdom, and hosted by Ariston Marketing in Corozal Town.

The Corozal Think Tank, in partnership with the Ministry of Investment, continues to seek the diversification of the Corozal economy by strengthening human capital in high-demand technology fields that enable sustainable employment, entrepreneurship, and competitiveness to drive investment. The training will be implemented in two training interventions in Digital Marketing, E-Commerce, and Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Administration. These short-term, hybrid programmes will support employability and entrepreneurial readiness across Belize's Global Digital Services, Business Process Outsourcing, and MSME sectors.

This six-week course offers comprehensive, hands-on training in digital marketing and online business management. One week consists of an intensive face-to-face bootcamp for practical learning. This will be followed by a three-week virtual component using an online LMS for guided modules, labs, and assessments. Trainees will master audience research, content creation, search engine optimization, social media campaigns, e-commerce platforms, and CRM automation. The programmes are being provided free of cost to persons of working age and are specifically geared to students from fourth form, junior college, or university, as well as teachers.

Present at the launch were Hon. Thea Garcia-Ramirez, Chair of the Corozal Think Tank and Minister of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs; Mrs. Narda Garcia, CEO, Office of the Prime Minister and Ministries of Investment and Civil Aviation; Mr. Lincoln Blake, Director, Investment Policy and Compliance Unit; Mr. Christian Junior, Trainer, RHICS LTD.; and Ms. Chinonso Arubayi, content creator and artist. The Ministry would like to express its gratitude to Mr. Tony Arzu, owner of Ariston Marketing, for hosting the training at his facility in Corozal Town.

The Corozal Think Tank is the steering committee for the Regional Economic Development Master Plan for the Corozal District.

It comprises Government representatives and professionals from the Corozal District tasked with monitoring and implementing the projects under the Master Plan.

The Ministry of E-Governance - World Bank Group Kick Off the National Cybersecurity Assessment Consultation Initiative

November 20, 2025 - The Ministry of E-Governance, in partnership with the World Bank Group, hosted the kick-off meeting for a national cybersecurity assessment consultation at the Grand Resort and Residences in Belize City.

The consultation brought together stakeholders from critical infrastructure and essential services across both the public and private sectors to assess the maturity level of cybersecurity in Belize. Recognizing the growing importance of cybersecurity amid digital transformation and increasing online threats, the Ministry welcomed a delegation of cybersecurity experts from the World Bank Group, led by Dr. Giacomo Assenza, to analyze the cybersecurity capacity of Belize's public and private sectors.

During the event, the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of E-Governance, Mr. Jose Urbina, emphasized that this initiative marked a critical milestone in Belize's digital transformation journey. Mr. Urbina highlighted that "strengthening Belize's cybersecurity posture and building a safer, more trusted digital future for all" was a shared responsibility. He expressed deep appreciation for the partnership with the World Bank, noting that their support reflected the global recognition of cybersecurity as a foundational pillar of national resilience.

Mr. Urbina stated, "The Ministry of E-Governance, as the ministry mandated to lead and champion national cybersecurity, envisions a future where Belizeans can confidently interact with digital government services; where businesses—small and large—operate in an environment safeguarded from digital threats; where critical infrastructure is resilient; and where innovation thrives because trust is guaranteed, not assumed." He further stressed that the next five years would be decisive in building national trust in digital services and strengthening Belize's overall cybersecurity posture.

The consultation engaged key information technology and information security representatives from government ministries, regulatory agencies, civil society, academia, and private sector institutions through a series of one-on-one interviews. The assessment empowered Belizean organizations to share their insights and expert opinions to shape future cybersecurity policy.

Upon conclusion of the assessment, a summary report of recommendations is scheduled to be disseminated to key stakeholders and published for public consumption.

Minister of State for Foreign Trade Represents Belize at CARICOM's Sixty-First COTED Meeting

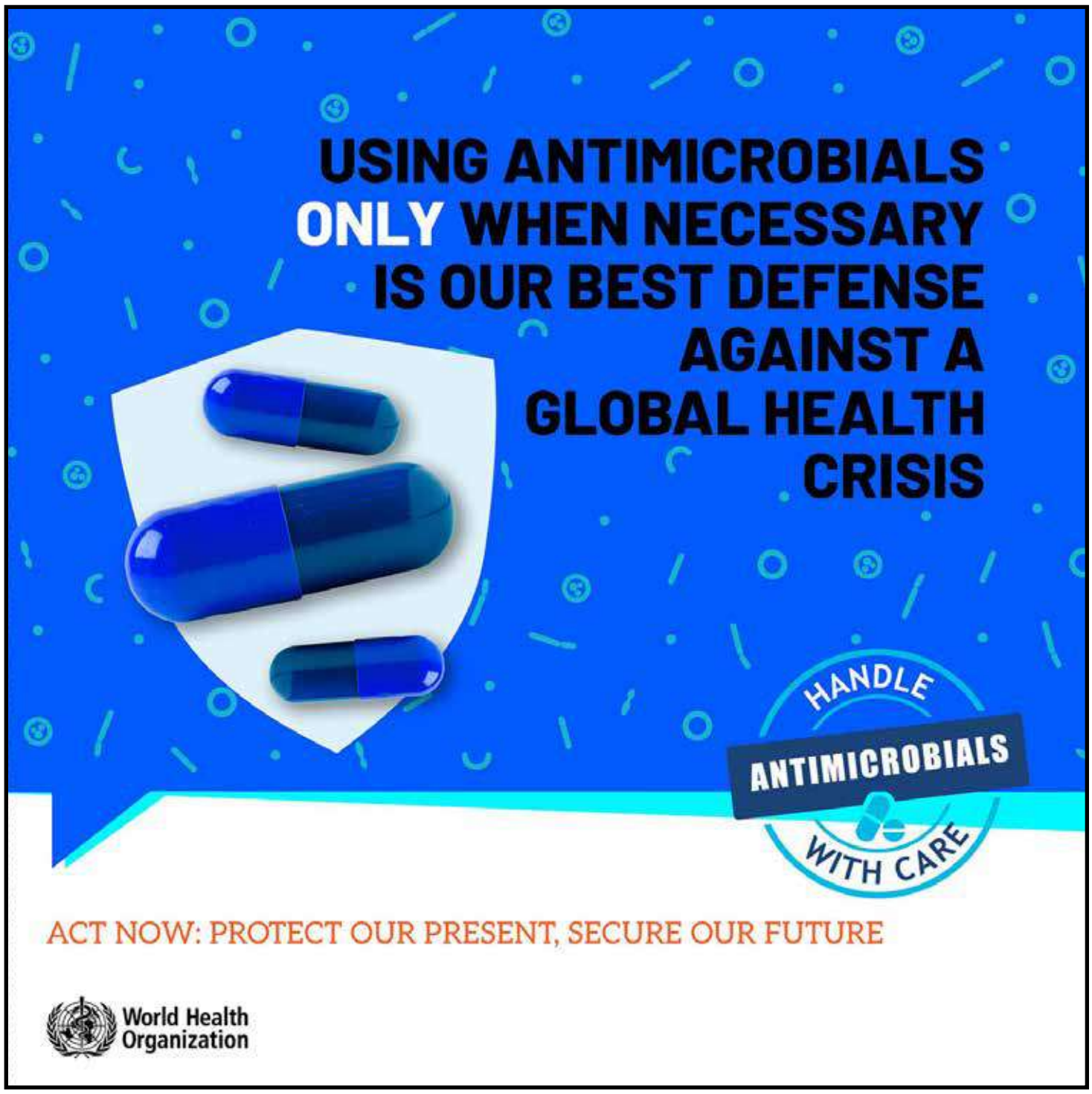
Hon. Marconi Leal, Minister of State for Foreign Trade, led Belize's delegation and chaired the Sixty-First Regular Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) on November 20-21, 2025, in Georgetown, Guyana.

The 61st Meeting sought, among other things, to further the discussions on the implementation of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME), with several key topics on the agenda. These included:

- Update on the Full Free Movement of Nationals among Barbados, Belize, Dominica, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
- Trade in Goods, with particular attention to changes in import duties on commodities important to Belize.
- Approval of the development of a regional compost standard
- The establishment of the Caribbean Sugar Refinery in Belize, a joint venture that will revitalize the Caribbean Sugar industry by April 2026 by producing locally refined, high-quality sugar while reducing dependence on costly imported logistics.
- The Community's acknowledgment of Belize's growing trade relationship with Guatemala and endorsement of its intent to negotiate an expanded PSA to strengthen economic integration and enhance export competitiveness within the CARICOM framework.
- A crucial issue for Belize is the certification and approval of the Partial Scope Agreement between the Government of Belize and the Republic of El Salvador. Member States approved the agreement for certification, and Belize will proceed to sign this agreement.

Furthermore, Minister Leal also had the opportunity to have an amicable bilateral meeting with Senator Hon. Aubyn Hill, Minister of Industry, Investment and Commerce, where they discussed how both countries can support the trade of frozen citrus products into Jamaica.

Minister Leal was supported by H.E. Gale Miller, High Commissioner to Guyana; Mr. Andy Sutherland, Director General for Foreign Trade; Ms. Tricia Gideon, Deputy Director General for Foreign Trade; senior officials from the Customs and Excise Department; Ms. Tricia Soberanis, Deputy Comptroller; and Mr. Francis Alfaro, Trade Support Officer.(release)



GoB - IDB

Present National Digital Transformation
Unveiling of the National Digital Infrastructure Plan

November 20, 2025 - The Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics, the Ministry of E-Governance (MoEG), and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), today officially presented the National Digital Infrastructure Plan, a comprehensive blueprint designed to strengthen Belize's digital backbone and accelerate national digital transformation.

The presentation took place during a high-level workshop bringing together key government officials, IDB representatives, technical experts, and national stakeholders. The initiative is supported under the RG-T4494 Regional Digital Connectivity Integration Project for the Caribbean, which aims to advance digital integration, modernize public services, and support economic competitiveness across the region.

Delivering remarks at the event, Dr. Leroy Almendarez, CEO in the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy & Logistics, emphasized that the unveiling of the Plan represents more than a policy milestone — it signals Belize's determination to fully embrace the opportunities of the digital age.

"This Plan is the articulation of a national commitment: that Belize will not be left behind in a world defined by connectivity, innovation, and rapid technological change. Digital connectivity is now a fundamental pillar of national development — as critical as electricity, as vital as transportation, and as influential as education," Dr. Almendarez stated.

The National Digital Infrastructure Plan outlines strategic priorities to modernize

Belize's digital ecosystem, including:

- Strengthening national broadband and telecommunications infrastructure
- Improving network resilience and service reliability
- Enhancing digital inclusion and access across urban and rural communities
- Supporting innovation and competitiveness within the digital economy
- Enabling more efficient, transparent, and citizen-centered public services

Ms. Karla Gonzalez, IDB representative to Belize, recognized the role of the IDB in advancing digital transformation across the Caribbean and reaffirmed commitment to the goals of the initiative.

"Belize is at a crucial moment in its journey toward digital transformation, driven by extraordinary potential. Digital connectivity is essential for Belize's progress, and this Plan positions the country to close gaps and empower every citizen and enterprise to thrive in a connected future." The workshop also served as a call to action, inviting stakeholders to contribute to the implementation phase through collaboration, technical expertise, and coordinated planning.

With the launch of this plan, Belize continues to advance its broader national agenda focused on modernizing infrastructure, strengthening public institutions, and expanding opportunities for its people.

The Ministry advances national development by overseeing essential services, including energy, utilities, telecommunications, digital infrastructure, logistics, and postal services. The Ministry is committed to ensuring that Belize's infrastructure is modern, reliable, sustainable, and accessible to all citizens.

The initiative supports Caribbean nations in strengthening digital infrastructure, harmonizing regulatory frameworks, and enabling greater regional digital integration to boost competitiveness and social inclusion. (release)

Presentation of Belize's Global Digital Services Investment Policy

Belmopan, November 21, 2025.

The Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Investment, through its Investment Policy and Compliance Unit, together with the Spanish consultancy firm, Congenia CYL, SL, presented the country's first Global Digital Services Investment Policy with a focus on the Orange Economy project to stakeholders at the University of the West Indies Auditorium in Belize City.

This consultancy project, funded by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), seeks to develop a strategic approach to transform Belize's Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) industry into a Global Digital Services industry offering higher tier services that support the long-term growth of the sector. The approach is to identify measures (policies, legislation, and business cases) as well as programs and activities that will facilitate an enabling environment for the advancement of the Global Digital Services sector and to adapt to the future global demand.

Belize's BPO sector employs approximately 20,000 persons, and changes in the global economic landscape with the development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) open several opportunities to move up the value chain in the industry. The emphasis on the Orange Economy is due to its activities, such as animation, software development, digital art, entertainment through social media platforms, gaming, etc., forming part of the higher-tier activities of the Global Digital Services sector, which shows a growth trajectory in the future.

The findings presented by Congenia proposed six pillars for the Global Development Services Investment Policy:

1. Incentive Framework Modernization
2. Legal and Regulatory Modernization
3. Strategic Transformation,
4. Cultural Output visibility
5. Creative Workforce Development
6. Digital Infrastructure.

The validation exercise was held to confirm that the policy's technical framework integrates with the existing digital infrastructure and aligns with national priorities. The consultants also shared critical insights and strategic actions to address current gaps and strengthen sectors, including digital skills and financial services such as content monetization and international payments to Belize.

Present at the validation exercise were Narda Garcia, Chief Executive Officer, Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministries of Investment and Civil Aviation; Lincoln Blake, Director, Investment Policy and Compliance Unit; Rissela Dominguez-Patt, Labour Commissioner, Labour Department; Carmen Sosa, Executive Director, Economic Development Council; Luis Parilla, senior consultant, Congenia CYL, SL; senior executives of the Business Process Outsourcing Association; IADB representative; representatives of Beltraide, and other representatives of the private sector, the Government, and academia.

Farmers – Economic Transformation – Taiwan TM – SIRDI – UB
A United Front Against Sugarcane Wilt

Field Assessments in the North

Dr. Hon. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State in the Ministry of Economic Transformation, and CEO Carlos Pol, along with the Sugar Industry Research and Development Institute (SIRDI), headed by Mr. Marcos Osorio, hosted a two-day high-level mission to the northern sugar belt on November 19–20. This mission aimed at bringing together the Taiwan Technical Mission, led by Chief Mr. Hsien-Tsang Su (Andrew Su), IICA Belize, and the University of Belize to assess the growing challenge of sugarcane wilt (Fusarium spp.) across farms in Orange Walk and Corozal.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
(COMPANY)

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF MARKET COMPLEX, ORANGE WALK TOWN, BELIZE

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program
Process ID: BL-L1046 – P00029
Deadline: **December 30th, 2025** at 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the Program's proceeds to procure the services of a Company for the "**Design and Construction of Market Complex, Orange Walk Town, Belize**", and invites eligible and qualified bidders to submit sealed bids for these works.

Interested companies can access the full version of this RFB online at https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below, and submit their bid in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version of the RFB.

ATTN:
Sr. Procurement Specialist
Ministry of Finance
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Tel: 501-822-4106
procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES:

Notice is hereby given that **Xianfeng Wen** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Ming Ai Supermarket"** located at # 9116 Rootsville, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Christine E. Bizer** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **'Christine's Lata Pat"** located at # 1 Fort Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Abisai A. Tun** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Aiz Snack Shop"** located in Chunox Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yanjun Cao** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"MJ's Dragon 2 Night Club"** located at # 23 Forest Drive, Belmopan City, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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Belize National Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed Your Glory to all nations, please protect and preserve Belize, our beloved country.

God of might, wisdom and justice, please assist our Belizean government and people with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude.

Let Your light of Your divine wisdom direct their plans and endeavours so that with Your help we may attain our just objectives.

With Your guidance, may all our endeavours tend to peace, social justice, liberty, national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge.

We pray, O God of Mercy, for all of us that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the

observance of Your most holy law, that we may be preserved in union and, in that peace which the world itself cannot give.

And, after enjoying the blessings of this life, please admit us, dear Lord, to that eternal reward that You have prepared for those who love You.

Amen.

UNFPA United Nations SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS Building Our Future Together

Driver, LSC-2, Belize City, Belize

JOB INFO

Job Identification	30065
Posting Date	11/23/2025, 09:20 AM
Apply Before	12/07/2025, 05:00 PM
Job Schedule	Full time
Locations	Belize, Belize
Grade	LSC-2
Vacancy Type	Local Service Contract
Rotational/ Non Rotational	Non-Rotational
Contract Duration	1 Year with Possibility for extension
Education & Work Experience	High School certificate
Required Languages	Good knowledge of the working language of Belize, English
Desired Languages	Good knowledge of the working language of Belize, English
Vacancy Timeline	2 Weeks

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Position:

The post of Driver is located in UNFPA Liaison Office, Belize and reports to the Liaison Officer, Belize.

How you can make a difference:

UNFPA is the lead United Nations agency for delivering a world where every pregnancy is intended, every childbirth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled. The UNFPA Strategic Plan for 2026-2029 articulates the organization's response to a complex global environment, providing a road map for resilience and renewal. It is designed to accelerate the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. This mandate is pursued through a focus on four interconnected outcomes: ending the unmet need for family planning; ending preventable maternal deaths; ending gender based violence and harmful practices; and adapting to demographic change through evidence and rights- based policies. In a world where fundmental human rights are at risk, we need principled and ethical staff, who embody these international norms and standards and who will defend them courageously and with full conviction.

UNFPA is seeking candidates who tranform, inspire, and deliver high-impact and sustained results andensure effective external relations, communications, and partnership-building and resource mobilization in a rapidly changing development and funding landscape. We need staff who are transparent, exceptional in how they manage theresources entrusted to them, and who commit to delivering excellence in programme results.

Job Purpose:

The Driver provides reliable and safe driving services to the Director, Deputy Director and other high-ranking UN officials and visitors, ensuring the highest standards of discretion and integrity, sense of responsibility, and excellent knowledge of protocol and security issues. The Driver also demonstrates a client-oriented approach, courtesy, confidentiality, tact and ability to work with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.

You would be responsible for:

- Drives for UNFPA officials and staff. Ensures provision of reliable and safe driving services by a) driving office vehicles for the transport of UNFPA staff, officials and visitors and b) meeting official personnel and visitors at the airport including assisting with visa and customs formalities arrangement when required.
- Ensures cost-savings through proper use of assigned vehicle through accurate maintenance of daily vehicle logs, provision of inputs to preparation of the vehicle maintenance plans and reports.
- Ensures proper day-to-day maintenance of the assigned vehicle through minor repairs, arrangements for major repairs, timely changes of oil, check of tires, brakes and water levels, car washing, etc so that the vehicle is always kept clean and in good running condition.
- Ensures availability of all the required documents/ supplies including vehicle insurance, vehicle registration, vehicle logs, office directory, map of the city/ country, first aid kit, and necessary spare parts for the assigned vehicle.
- Ensures that the steps required by rules and regulations are taken, in case of involvement in an accident.
- Provides timely and effective office assistant support, including but not limited to (a) Receives and assists visitors to office, (b) Answers telephone, directs calls and responds to routine inquiries (c) Delivery and collection of mail, documents and other items, (d) Dispatches outgoing communication and Logs and routes all incoming correspondence and documents, (e) Assists in the mailing and distribution of newsletters and publications, (f) Assists office staff in filing, photo copying and maintaining stores, when required.
- Performs administrative duties to support the operational efficiency and functioning of the office (e.g. AODocs, and othersystem functions)
- Provides communications support and backstopping in collaboration with the programme and operations team, particularly the Communications Officer/ Focal Points
- Makes logistical arrangements/provides support for internal and external meetings, workshops, and special events.
- Supports staff in emergency and humanitarian related activities and response.
- Performs other duties, as required

QUALIFICATIONS and EXPERIENCE:

Education:

Completed High School Education.

Knowledge and Experience:

- Valid driver's license and safe driving record
- Minimum of two years' work experience as a driver
- Work experience as a driver in an international organisation, embassy or UN system is an advantage
- Knowledge of driving rules andregulations, local roads and conditions
- Skill in minor vehicle repairs
- Basic clerical skills are required

Languages:

Good knowledge of the working language of Belize, English. Spanish language is an advantage

UNFPA Work Environment:

UNFPA provides a work environment that reflects the values of gender equality, diversity, integrity and healthy work- ife balance. We are committed to ensuring gender parity in the organization and therefore encourage women to apply. Individuals from the LGBTQIA+ community, minority ethnic groups, indigenous populations, persons with disabilities, and other underrepresented groups are highly encouraged to apply. UNFPA promotes equal opportunities in terms of appointment, training, compensation and selection for all regardless of personal characteristics and dimensions of diversity. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is at the heart of UNFPA's workforce.

Disclaimer:

- There is no application, processing or other fee at any stage of the application process.
- UNFPA does not solicit or screen for information in respect of HIV or AIDS and does not discriminate on the basis of HIV/AIDS status.
- UNFPA provides a work environment that reflect the values of gender equality, team work, respect for diversity, integrity and a healthy balance of work and life. We are committed to maintaining our balance gender distribution and therefore encourage women to apply.

FEASIBLE Belize Floating Boardwalk Project

2nd Feasibility Study Confirms Achievability of City-Changing Project

The Belize City Council hosted a productive and energizing Update Meeting at City Hall as part of the second Floating Boardwalk Project Feasibility Study Mission Visit.

Mayor Bernard Wagner, joined by Councillors, City Administrator Dr. Candice Pitts, and our technical teams, welcomed our returning partners from Blue21 and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) funded by the European Union. Together, they reviewed the preliminary feasibility results, which confirm what we've believed from the start:

The Belize City Floating Boardwalk is not just visionary — it is achievable.

This transformative initiative would be the first of its kind in the region, redefining how coastal cities adapt to climate challenges while enhancing recreation, tourism, and urban resilience.

These highlights reflect the strong engagement of everyone in the room, from planners and engineers to climate finance specialists, all contributing to a shared vision of a coastline that works with our environment, not against it.

As our visiting partners continue meeting with key stakeholders this week, we are confident that this study is guiding us toward a project that embodies innovation, sustainability, and community uplift.

Belize City is proving, once again, that with the right partnerships and leadership, the future we imagine is absolutely within reach.

Earlier this month in Barcelona, Deputy Mayor Miller joined GCoM's business matchmaking sessions, meeting with CocoParks, an AI-powered mobility and parking solutions company. He also delivered a joint presentation with Blue21 at the Clean Cities Pavilion, unveiling this Floating Boardwalk Concept for the Southern Foreshore—a bold, climate-adaptive project now advancing through feasibility. He presented alongside Vicky Lin, Business Development and Operations Manager at Blue21.

Belize City's presence at the Congress ensures that Caribbean voices and small coastal cities are part of the global climate innovation movement, forging partnerships that bring technology, opportunity, and climate finance back home. (BCC Posts Excerpts)

Field Assessments in the North

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The delegation met directly with farmers, visited affected fields, and reviewed cultivation practices, equipment use, and overall field conditions. Representatives from SIRDI, the Sugar Industry Control Board, IICA, the University of Belize, and the Taiwan Technical Mission participated in the assessments.

The assessment identified four major contributing factors to widespread wilt:

- Climate impacts such as drought, heat stress, and excess rainfall
- Low soil nutrients and organic matter
- Insufficient field management
- Unclean planting material and absence of tissue culture propagation

The Taiwanese experts recommended rapid adoption of tissue culture and seed cane disinfection, improved soil and root protection, and increased use of biological controls. They also introduced a Satellite Image Monitoring and Warning System for Fusarium Wilt, demonstrating how satellite data can help detect outbreaks early and guide rapid interventions.

The University of Belize highlighted ongoing research on beneficial soil microbes with the potential to suppress Fusarium wilt, supporting a more sustainable, science-based approach to disease management.

The mission reaffirms the shared commitment of all partners to fortify Belize's sugar industry by uniting local knowledge with international scientific expertise. Together, these efforts aim to strengthen field resilience, safeguard farmer livelihoods, and advance a more sustainable and productive future for the northern sugar belt. (release)

Belize aims to keep its sugar industry which helps to foster a good outlook for the Caribbean Sugar Refinery. In terms of Government Interventions and Funding there is, in collaboration with various partners, commitment for approximately $2.6 million BZ (via an initial plan) and secured a separate $2 million USD World Bank grant for an action plan to support the recovery of the sugar industry from the devastating effects of Fusarium wilt. Other key initiatives include: Fungicide Application costing some $500,000 BZ allocated to a pilot project for treating 2,500 acres of affected cane fields with fungicide and special soil techniques, with promising early results. Then a Biological Control (Trichoderma) gets $100,000 BZ (through IICA's climate fund) is dedicated to testing native Trichoderma fungus strains (a natural predator of Fusarium) in local labs at the University of Belize. Also, an additional $2 million USD from the World Bank's Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP) will be channeled through the Sugar Industry Research & Development Institute (SIRDI) to mass-produce Trichoderma on a larger scale. The with Resistant Varieties the Ministry of Agriculture is working with the private sector to introduce new, disease-resistant sugarcane varieties. With farmer financing, the government is also working on a plan with the Development Finance Corporation to make financing available to farmers at affordable rates to help them afford treatment and inputs immediately. Additionally, a fully funded grant of $50 million BZ from the Green Climate Fund was previously approved for a wider project titled "Building the Adaptive Capacity of Sugarcane Farmers in Northern Belize." The latter aims to enhance overall resilience and expand cane varieties to climate-related threats, including disease

What works will be given even more support of course. The planBelize administration is relentless in the creation of job, improving food security and ending poverty in Belize.

BEEP's Seed Funding Empowering Belizean Enterprises

November 27, 2025 - Belize's entrepreneurship landscape received another significant boost as the Belize Enterprise Empowerment Project (B.E.E.P.) hosted its second Seed Capital Award Ceremony for maturing businesses. Twenty-nine enterprises from across the country were awarded $7,000 each, marking another milestone in the government's push to strengthen micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises through capacity-building, innovation, and access to essential financing.

The ceremony celebrated the culmination of months of intensive training, interviews, and business development exercises—an effort that BELTRAIDE's Executive Director, Ishmael Quiroz, described as a testament to the hard work and resilience of Belize's entrepreneurs. He highlighted the impact of the program so far, noting that B.E.E.P. has now supported 15 exporting companies, 44 maturing enterprises, and 14 startups, totalling 74 businesses and $678,000 in grant funding.

Quiroz emphasized the diversity and strength within this new cohort: 21 of the awardees are women, making up 72% of the group, while 13 recipients represent rural communities, underscoring the program's commitment to nationwide inclusion. The businesses span sectors ranging from agriculture and agro-processing to tourism, creative industries, wellness, beauty, and technology—reflecting the growing dynamism of Belize's MSME ecosystem.

For many awardees, the seed funding will accelerate long-awaited expansions. Entrepreneurs shared how the grant will allow them to improve product quality, welcome visitors to their facilities, or increase production capacity. But the impact goes beyond financing—participants praised the training component for strengthening their skills and professional confidence.

Jewellery Artisan Torrie Tate of Kriyatula described B.E.E.P. as "innovative and intentional," saying the program provided knowledge and tools that helped her grow as a business owner. For her, each training session offered something new to apply and reflect on, turning the experience into what she called a "forward-moving journey."

For Kenric Logan of Canopy Soil, the program represented both business and personal transformation. Logan, who turns agricultural waste into organic soil products, spoke about the pride in involving his family—especially his son—in the training process. He emphasized that entrepreneurship in Belize is strengthened when communities and families move forward together, united by the belief in hard work and national progress.

Mrs. Narda Garcia, CEO in the Office of the Prime Minister, described the occasion as "closing one chapter and launching a future," reminding the audience that B.E.E.P. was born out of the national need for accessible, affordable finance. She noted that under Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño's leadership, funds were repurposed entirely into grants to stimulate greater economic activity. With $800,000 provided by the CARICOM Development Fund, the project set out to empower 95 MSMEs—and is well on track to fulfill that mandate.

CEO Garcia praised the awardees as "agro processors, tech innovators, tourism pioneers, and creative minds," saying their contributions reflect the growing strength of Belize's economy. She urged them to continue innovating and expanding, declaring, "Your success is Belize's success."

B.E.E.P.'s impact will continue in the months ahead, as an additional $105,000 remains to be distributed to 21 start-ups, each set to receive $5,000 in the next phase.

Present at the ceremony was Mrs. Kim Aikman, CEO of the Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry, representing one of B.E.E.P.'s key partners. Other partners include the Development Finance Corporation, the National Institute of Culture and History, and the CARICOM Development Fund, whose support ensures that both grants and training remain accessible to Belizean entrepreneurs.

As the ceremony concluded, one sentiment was clear: B.E.E.P. is more than a funding program—it is a pathway to sustainability, innovation, and national empowerment. The entrepreneurs honored represent a future where Belize's MSMEs continue to rise, evolve, and propel the nation's economic growth.

IDB

REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
(COMPANY)

Design and Construction of Orange Walk Town (Main Street Rehabilitation and Upgrading)

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize, Central America
Project: Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program
Process ID: BL-L1046-P00031
Deadline: **December 30, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize has received loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Sustainable and Inclusive Urban Development Program.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the Program's proceeds to procure the services of a Company for the "**Design and Construction of Orange Walk Town (Main Street Rehabilitation and Upgrading)".**

The Ministry of Finance invites interested companies to access the full version of this RFB online at https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit their Bid in accordance with the instructions provided in the full version.

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GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

EIGHTH ROAD PROJECT

(GEORGE PRICE HIGHWAY: BELIZE CITY TO HATTIEVILLE) - BELIZE

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has applied for financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) in an amount equivalent to US$34,542,000 towards the cost of the Eighth Road Project (George Price Highway: Belize City to Hattieville) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under contracts procured under this project. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOBZ and upon approval by CDB and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

The following consultancy assignments will be procured under the Project:

(a) Provision of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Intervention
(b) Provision of Advanced First Responder Training
(c) Environmental Safeguards and Health and Safety Specialist
(d) Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist

It is expected that these will be procured during the period January 2026 to December 2026.

The following goods and works will be procured under the Project:

(a) Upgrading of a 24km section of the George Price Highway from Belize City to Hattieville

It is expected that these works will be procured during the fourth quarter of 2025.

Contractors from eligible countries will be eligible to participate in these procurement opportunities. The Ministry of Infrastructure Development & Housing (Project Execution Unit) is the Executing Agency for the Project. Further details of the Project can be obtained by contacting the address below.

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MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

EIGHTH ROAD PROJECT (GEORGE PRICE HIGHWAY: BELIZE CITY TO HATTIEVILLE)

The Government of Belize (GOBZ) has applied for financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), towards the cost of the ***Eighth Road Project (George Price Highway: Belize City to Hattieville),*** and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds to eligible payments under the contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOBZ and upon approval by CDB, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits a withdrawal from the Project Accounts for the purpose of any payments to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payments or imports, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOBZ shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

This Project is being implemented by the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, Project Execution Unit (PEU). A Project Coordinator within the PEU will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities. Engineering Consultants will be retained by the MIDH to assist with the supervision of the contracts.

Construction is expected to start in the first quarter of 2026. The MIDH hereby invites interested contractors in the civil works to be part of this bidding process.

Consideration will be given to local and international firms or joint ventures of firms, who have qualified extensive experience in road construction of a similar size and complexity.

The scope of works will include:

- Replacement of the existing Burdon Canal Bridge with a new structure designed to AASHTO HL-93 standards: a two-lane, single-span, pre-stressed concrete girder bridge, with pedestrian walkways on both sides and scour-protection works at abutments.
- Replacement of the existing Hector Creek Bridge with a new structure designed to AASHTO HL-93 standards: a two-lane, single-span, pre-stressed concrete girder bridge, with pedestrian walkways on both sides and scour-protection works at abutments.
- Rehabilitation and upgrading of the roadway, including construction of a 7.2 m-wide carriageway with 2 m-wide hard shoulders on both sides, including a 250 mm-thick sub-base course, 200 mm-thick base course, and 50 mm-thick concrete wearing course, along with construction of concrete sidewalks.
- Construction of 16 formalized bus stops with shelters and pedestrian crossing facilities.
- Installation and rehabilitation of culverts and associated drainage infrastructure, including slope protection.
- Provision and installation of road safety furniture (guardrails, road studs, line marking and signage)
- Provision and installation of solar / LED roadway lighting.

Firms whether bidding individually or in the form of a Joint Venture, shall:

(a) be legally incorporated or otherwise organised in, and have their principal place of business in, an Eligible Country;
(b) be more than fifty (50) percent beneficially-owned by a citizen or citizens and/or a bona fide resident or residents of an Eligible Country, or by a body corporate or bodies meeting these requirements, as far as the ownership can be reasonably determined; and
(c) shall have no arrangement and undertake not to make any arrangement whereby the majority of the financial benefits of the contract, i.e. more than fifty (50) percent of the value of the contract, will accrue or be paid to sub-contractors, sub-suppliers or sub-consultants that are not from an Eligible Country.

Eligible Countries are member countries of CDB.
Qualification requirements include, inter alia:

	Description of criteria	**Eighth Road Project (George Price Highway: Belize City to Hattieville)**
a.	an average annual turnover of at least the United States Dollars (US$) equivalent shown (defined as billing for works in progress and completed) over the last six (6) years;	10.0 M
b.	demonstrable capacity to have a cash flow of at least the US$ equivalent shown (including access to credit); and	3.0 M
c.	experience as prime contractor in the construction of at least two (02) assignments of a similar nature and complexity to the proposed project activity within the last ten years with at least the US$ equivalent value shown (*to comply with this requirement, works quoted should be at least 80 percent complete)*. The similarity shall be based on the physical size, complexity, methods/technology or other characteristics as described in Section VII, Scope of Works, which includes experience in the earthworks operations particularly in greenfield alignments, construction of embankments on soft soils, reinforced concrete works, box culverts, prestressed concrete girder bridges, HMAC pavement and the construction of roundabouts.	15.0 M

Effective **Monday, December 1, 2025,** interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents at the PEU office at the first address below, Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm Belize time. A complete hardcopy set of the bidding documents in English may be obtained by interested bidders by submitting a written request or email to the first address below. The request must clearly state "***Request for Bidding Documents for the Eighth Road Project (George Price Highway: Belize City to Hattieville)***. The hardcopy documents are available for a non-refundable fee of **US$1,000.00.** Potential bidders who request that hardcopy documents be forwarded to them are required to submit an account number from a local courier agent, which accepts freight collect charges. The MIDH will promptly dispatch the documents but under no circumstances will the Ministry be responsible for late delivery or loss of the documents so transmitted.

A Pre-Bid meeting shall take place on **Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 9:00am Belize time.** Bidders shall congregate at Central American Boulevard/George Price Highway roundabout. A site visit shall take place immediately thereafter, proceeding along the George Price Highway all the way to Hattieville Village.

Bidding Documents must be in English and must be submitted by 10:00 am, Belize time on **Wednesday, January 21, 2026.**

There are two options for submitting the bidding documents. These are:

(a) By simultaneous electronic submission, in PDF format, to the email addresses indicated in the first and second addresses below. The "Subject" field of the email message must read **"Bidding Documents for the Eighth Road Project (George Price Highway: Belize City to Hattieville)."** The submission will be deemed to have been received at the time that it is received by PEU. The burden of proving receipt of the email will be on the bidder and will not be met solely by a read receipt or sent items report generated by the bidder's computer; or

(b) By submission of one original and two hard copies, by hand or by registered mail, in a sealed envelope to the first address below, with simultaneous electronic submission as at (a) above to the second address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission must include the name and address of the bidder and be clearly marked **"Bidding Documents for the Eighth Road Project (George Price Highway: Belize City to Hattieville)".**

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of $200,000.00 Belize Dollars. GOBZ reserves the right to accept or reject late submissions or to cancel the bidding process. GOBZ will not be bound to assign any reason for cancelling the bidding process and will not defray costs incurred by bidders in the preparation and submission of the bidding documents. Late bids will be rejected.

1. **Attention: Mr. Evondale Moody**
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2. **Procurement Officer**
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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **Christian Serrano** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Orange Plaza"** located at Cor. Naranjal & Tangerine Streets, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Christian Serrano** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"La Fogata Cool Spot"** located on Zericote Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Oscar Gutierrez** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Cocina Sabor"** located on Bze/Czl. Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Alexia Campos** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"C.J.'s Mart"** located at # 30 Stadium Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Amelio Tillett** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Cenote Escape Tillett"** located in Trinidad Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Santiago Campos** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Di Beer Shop"** located at # 39 Fonseca Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Glenda B. Martinez** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"GM Shop"** located in Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jilan Chen** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Dream Shop"** located in Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ren Fu Zhou** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Yong Fu Store"** located in Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Wen Feng Zhen** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Alex Zhen Restaurant "** located in Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Sonia Arevalo** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Las Orquidas"** located in Indian Church Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Amira Disus** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"D Price is Right"** located in Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Juan F. Sanches** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"J & R Restaurant"** located in Yo Creek Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Eufemio Jimenez** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Jimenez Shop"** located in Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rosa A. Chan** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Cevicheria El Rustico"** located in San Roman Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ana E. Herrera** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Emrick Shop"** located in San Jose Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Solayra De Los Angeles Chen** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Chen 711 Mini Shop"** located at # 27 Dunn Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Osman O. Pineda** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Flaco Shop"** located at # 21 Belama Phase V, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rhea E. Landero** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Khloe's Grocery Shop"** located at # 16 New Road, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Mason C. Soberanis** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"M & Y Fast Food"** located at # 37 Mapp Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Social Lounge Ltd.** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"Social Lounge Ltd."** located at # 2892 P.G. Hwy., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Vicky Thadhani** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Fine Taste"** located at # 953 Goal Lane, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yogobean Limited** is applying for a **Publican General Liquor License** to be operated at **"Yogobean Limited"** located at # 5006 Bella Vista, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kent Lam** is applying for a **Hotel Liquor License (Single Bar)** to be operated at **"Golden Tree Hotel"** located at # 1740 Coney Drive, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Sandra Teichroeb** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Sandra's Shop"** located in Burrell Boom Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shaheen/ Helal Chowdhury & Miah** are applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Dollar Grocery Shop 1"** located at # 2 Water Lane, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Fenglian Rong** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Lena Store"** located at # 4077 C.A. Blvd., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Gilbert Flowers** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Moon Light"** located in Double Head Cabbage Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yvette McFadzean** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Disco Paradise"** located in Double Head Cabbage Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Justin A. Meyers/Fredy Pensamiento** are applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Iguana Stop"** located in Burrell Boom Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Francis Woods** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Old Belize"** located at 5½ Mls. G.P.Hwy., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Francis P. Woods** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Old Belize"** located at 5½ Mls. G.P.Hwy., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Hortense V.E. Vaughn** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"T & V Grocery Shop"** located at Res. Merva Theus Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kimberly A. Searle** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Beer Stop By Kimmy Ling"** located at Memorial Park, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kimberly A. Searle** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Park By Kimmy Ling"** located at Memorial Park, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shun Long Company Limited** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Star Hall By Jusco"** located at # 2557 C.A. Blvd., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Gloria A. Reyes** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Moncho Kool Spot"** located at # 450 Norman L. Young St., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Tong Fay Li** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"2.50 Restaurant & Bar"** located at # 3808 Constitution Drive, City of Belmopan, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **De Pei Zhang** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"New P.K Shop"** located at # 93 Benque Viejo Rd., San Ignacio Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belarmino Quiroz** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Blackyard Garden"** located on Military Street, San Ignacio Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Marvin J. Aldana** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Amigos Where Friends Meet"** located at Mile 31 G.P. Hwy., Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jia Bin Rong** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"JJ City Supermarket"** located in Roaring Creek Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Dario Canul** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Darvi's"** located at # 6 Cemetery Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jaime Briceno** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Shell One Stop"** located at # 29 P.G. Hwy., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Christopher Tillett** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Harry's Store"** located at # 14 Cemetery Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kazi J. Uddin** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Kazi Super Store"** located on Barrack Road, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shakil Ahmed** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"SYL BD Store"** located at # 12 Guadalupe Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Haresh Vaswani** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Chill Out Restaurant"** located at # 50 Queen Victoria Ave., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Christian E. Cowo** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"A & E Shop"** located in Trinidad Village, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **MD Nazim Ahmed** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Bangladesh Mini Mart"** located on Otro Benque Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Zakir Ahmed** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Jalalabad Store"** located at # 13 Dunn Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Dora S. Escalante** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Dora's Cool Spot"** located on Princess Diana Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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